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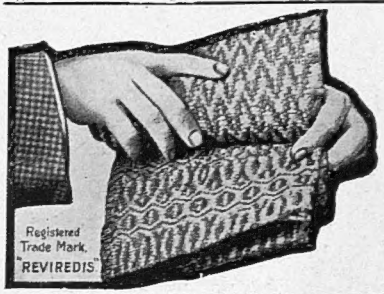

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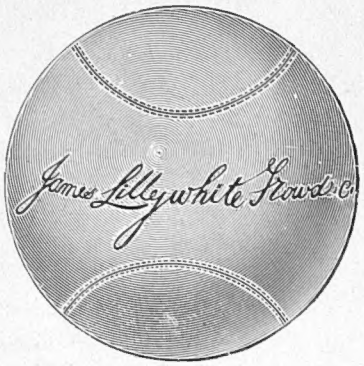

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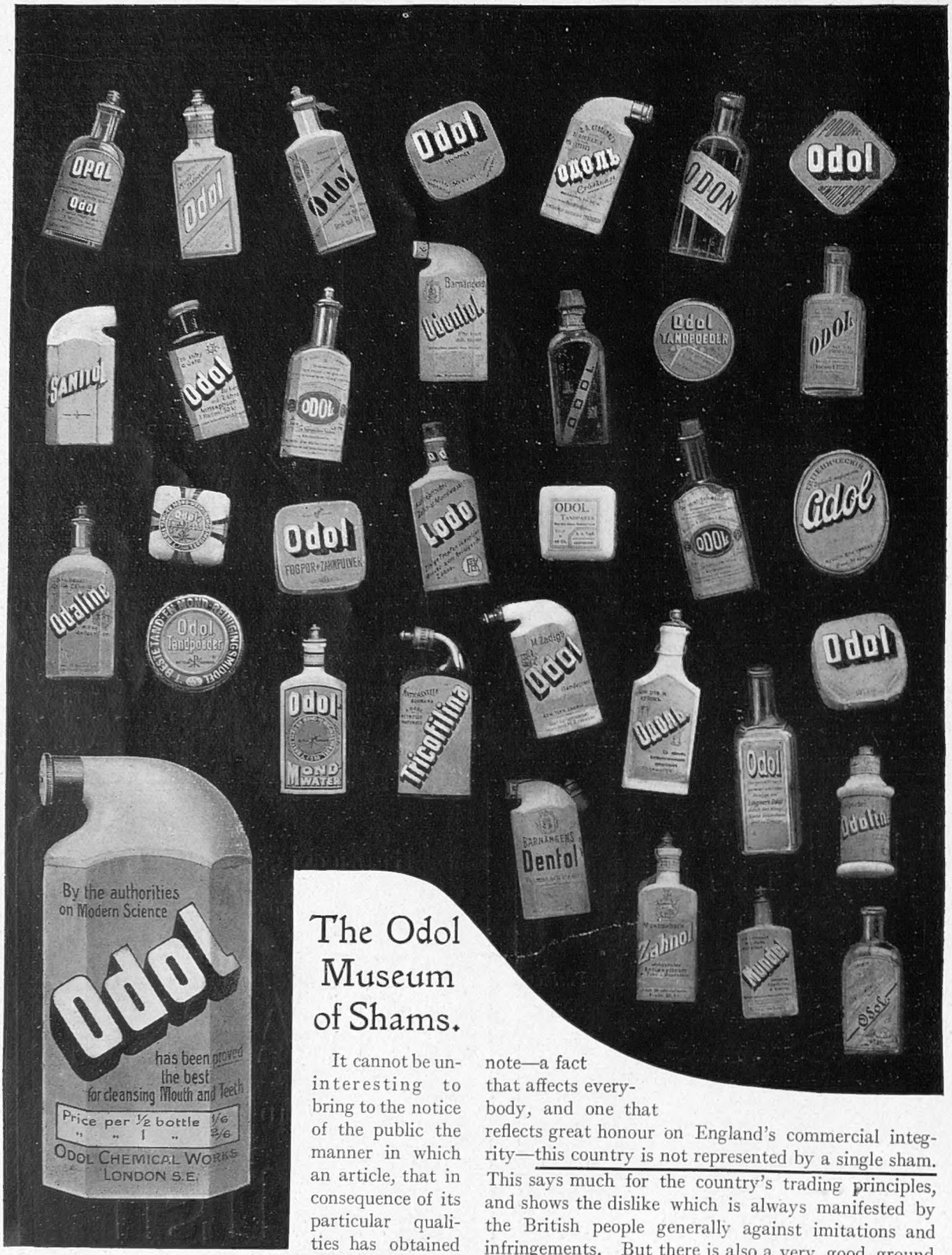

The Odol Museum of Shams.

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In the above drawing we have reproduced a number —and it will be well understood only a very small number—of these imitations, for to reproduce all, five pages would not be sufficient.

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Bystander Comments

London: Wednesday May 6, 1908

The new Cabinet, comprising, mostly, Members of Parl ament, assembled for the first time on Wednesday. A private gentleman of the name of Churchill also turned up, and was let in.

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Razors and Sermons

(*The Bishop of London declared at Parkstone that he did not know how he should find time to prepare his sermons and addresses if he did not do so while dressing, washing, and shaving.*)

Save for the leisure thoughts that come from laving,
The Bishop could not preach or talk so vastly;
Sermons in strops he finds and texts in shaving,
Lost studs, no doubt, remind him to say "Lastly."

'Tis well the Bishop shaves—his sermons brisk us—
Razors with him produce results far-reaching—
Some curates might go black and wear side-whiskers
For all we care—if t'would curtail *their* preaching.

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It would be interesting to know why an order should have been issued at St. Petersburg forbidding the students of the Cadet Corps to read "Sherlock Holmes." Holmes is all on the side of law and order, as the Cadets should be. He unravels crimes, as the Russian authorities are always trying to do. Anarchists shun him. Why, then, keep him from the students? The only conceivable reason is that the Russian Government is afraid these young men might get into the habit of talking like Watson.

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Twenty-one alligators arrived from Florida last week—says a contemporary—en route for the Hungarian Exhibition at Earl's Court. Florida seems rather a roundabout route for Hungary a ligators to have taken.

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The baby who was born in the House of Lords last week has, it is reported, already signified its disapproval of the Second Chamber with no uncertain voice.

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"Never Say Die" is the title of the Grand Duke Michael Michaelovitch's first novel, and it is said to be in praise of the married life, where the wife is the wife of one's choice. It seems a curious title for a book on this subject, and it is difficult to see what the Grand Duke would call a novel that was about a wife not of his choice. But, of course, the Slav temperament is proverbially melancholy.

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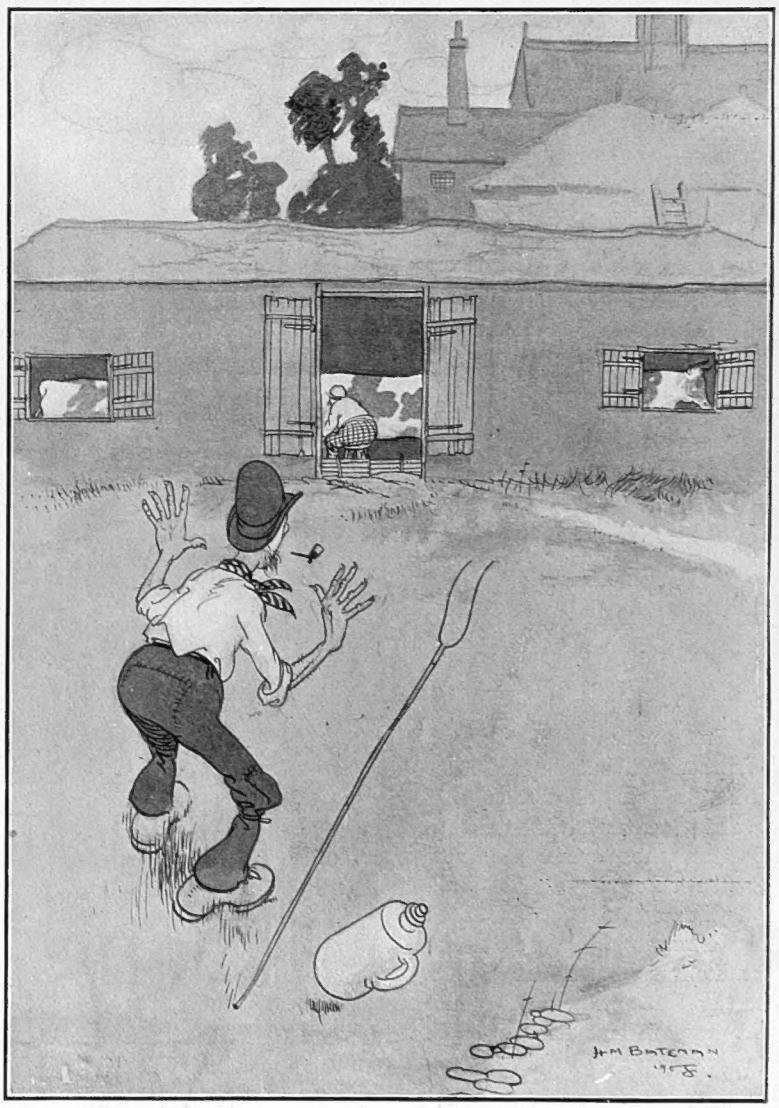
German sportsmen have protested against Dr. Koch's suggestion that all the wild animals in German Africa should be slaughtered in order to get rid of the tsetse fly, and, consequently, of sleeping-sickness. German sportsmen have a very high idea of German sportsmanship; and they opine very justly that such wholesale immolation would not conduce to its glory, even if poison were used. Dr. Koch will have to think again. Why not tsetse fly-papers?



JARGE: "Blame me if that ain't the biggest coo I ever did see!"

By H. M. Bateman

Photos

After His First Cabinet

Mr. Churchill helped along by Mr. McKenna. Whether the latter's support was given to enable the former to bear up after hearing what his colleagues had to say on the subject of his Manchester pledges, we do not pretend to know

THE WORLD'S PAGEANT

Park

Criticising Mr. Churchill's Debut?

Those grave and reverend signiors, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Haldane, walking away from the Cabinet, the first meeting of which—Mr. Churchill present—took place on Wednesday

The King in Stockholm

Rain fell pitilessly during most of the time that the King and Queen were in Sweden. But no amount of dampening served to allay the unbounded enthusiasm of the people. It was the first time a British monarch had visited Sweden, though Stockholm itself is rich in memorials of the Stuart connection with the Scandinavian Kingdom. The Crown Princess, formerly Princess Margaret of Connaught, in the absence of the Queen, who is in Italy for her health, did the honours of reception for King Gustavus. Her Royal Highness was in deep mourning, but there were but few signs of recent grief in the entertainment offered the visitant King and Queen. At the State banquet, which took place in the Great Hall of Mirrors in the Palace, all the gorgeous gold plate acquired by Bernadotte, founder of the present dynasty, was displayed, while a horse show at the Circus, and a performance of *Othello*, were attended by their Majesties and the Crown Prince and Princess in State.

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Royalty in Brixton

What we once called "Queen's Weather" favoured the Prince and Princess of Wales last Wednesday when they went to Brixton to open the new Lambeth Borough Council Hall. The Princess looked animated and charming in pink cloth and ermine furs, a huge pink aigrette in her black hat, and Prince Edward, in his smart cadet uniform, is just now a decidedly picturesque young personage. The Prince, who draws a very large part of his income from the Duchy of Cornwall, declared his extra special interest in the Lambeth Borough owing to the fact that the Cornish Duchy's London estates are situated entirely within this district of the Metropolis. "The amelioration of the housing of the working-classes on the estates," said the Prince, "was a question in which he took the keenest interest, and it would always be his earnest endeavour to advance to the utmost of his ability the welfare of the tenants."

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April's Black Record

Not only because of the blank atrocity of its weather has the April of 1908 gone down unsung to posterity. In India, some sufficiently nasty fighting on the Border assumed quite serious proportions; in Sicily, Etna came into eruption; at home, the Thames Valley was most damagingly flooded; and at sea, naval disasters came upon us thick and fast. Early in the month the destroyer *Tiger* was sunk in collision with H.M.S. *Berwick*; later, the *Gladiator* was rammed by the liner *St. Paul*; then the torpedo-destroyer *Gala* was cut in two and sunk in the North Sea by the scout *Attentive*, which next turned its kind attentions to the destroyer *Ribble*, and damaged her; and, finally, a serious explosion on board the battleship *Britannia* injured five men in dreadful manner.

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Marital Ministers

There have not been wanting, of course, severe criticisms on the Government's naval tactics. Some have even gone so far as to attribute the long line of naval accidents to the decreased efficiency which decreased training necessitated by naval

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The English Bishop of "the Old Catholic Church"

Dr. Mathew, who claims to be the fourth Earl of Landaff, though his title is not yet recognised, has just been consecrated in Utrecht the Bishop of Chelsea, the first English Prelate of the "Old Catholic Church," a movement which has as it saim the unification of the Catholic, Greek, and Anglican communions. It had its origin in Germany in the middle of the last century

Our Magnetic Monarch

KING EDWARD'S POWER TO DRAW A CROWD: STOCKHOLM'S WELCOME

The King, Queen, and Royal Party arriving at the Exhibition, Stockholm

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THE CROWD IN THE STREETS OF STOCKHOLM AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE ROYAL PROCESSION

The magnetism of the personality of Britain's popular monarch has never been better exemplified than by the welcome accorded him in Stockholm. It was feared that England's friendliness with the separated sister Kingdom of Norway might interfere with the greeting accorded by the Swedish nation, but their enthusiastic reception of King Edward conclusively proved that any sore feeling there may originally have been has now entirely passed

A Stately Bridal Pair

economists implies But so heavy a responsiblity does not seem to have in the least overburdened the hearts of our Lords at the Admiralty. In our picture the new " boss " of naval affairs looks far from careworn, doesn't he ? And that in spite of the fact that he is very soon to incur still more responsibility, though of a more domestic nature. And as for Lord Tweedmouth, well, he is quite happy, too, for what with his anxiety to explain just why he left the Admiralty for the Council *and* the preparations for his marriage with the widow of a shipbuilding peer, he is simply too busy to worry.

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" Winnie " in Dundee

For the fifth time Winston Churchill, the son of Lord Randolph Churchill and the indomitable Mrs. Cornwallis West, is fighting an election. His principal opponent, Sir George Baxter, is Unionist, a stout Tariff Reformer, and a supporter of the establishment of a Catholic University in Ireland. In the Northern city, to soothe and steady " dear Winston " in his trying work is, of course, his mother, her frocks, which startled Cottonopolis, more dazzling than ever in bonnie Dundee. There, too, has arrived, or is expected, Lady Dorothy Howard, the keen girl politician, whose support of the Liberal candidate has, needless to say, already been construed into affection for his personality rather than devotion for his cause. The polling is next Tuesday.

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Grand Opera

With Signora Tetrazzini and a new Hungarian tenor, Herr Marak, in Verdi's *La Traviata*, the Grand Opera Season of 1908 opened brilliantly last Thursday. The Italian prima donna, in better voice than ever, her fluty notes more liquid, her trills more bird-like, made instant appeal to an audience which included at least three more *prime donne* of world-wide fame—Mmes. Melba, Patti, and Albani. Herr Marak, though obviously nervous, also made a good impression. He has a charming and sympathetic voice, and, like Tetrazzini, does not disdain to continue the illusion with a display of no mean histrionic ability. The superb lighting arrangements of the Opera House have been once again improved. The effect, which has been softened, is now blurred but beautiful, the sheen of satin and gleam of gems and burnished hair making a fairylike whole most entrancing to the eye.

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The Audience

It was a tiara night, of course. The Princess of Wales, in the Royal box, wore her favourite pale blue satin, with pearls and turquoises and a high diamond tiara. With her was Princess Alexander of Teck, simply dressed in white satin and chiffon, and beneath the Royal box was the Marquise d'Hautpool, wearing a new diamond ribbon tiara of distinctly Cartier design. The two tall American daughters of Mrs. Higgins were both very splendidly jewelled, the bride, Lady Alastair Innes-Ker, garbed in grey chiffon and diamonds, and Lady Willoughby de Eresby wearing wonderful rubies with a clinging rose-red gown. Lady Colebrooke and Mrs. Hwfa Williams were together wearing many jewels, Lady Clonmell was in the stalls, picturesque in black satin and carnations, and two other ladies, who favoured the very modish French-grey frock as a fitting background for diamonds, were Lady Evelyn Ward, in Lady de Grey's box, and Lady Charles Beresford, in a box with Mr. Claude Phillips.

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Last Week's Wedding at the Guards' Chapel

The wedding of Miss Lois Jefferson and Mr. Ward (son of Sir Edward Ward) took place at the Guards' Chapel last week. The bride is very tall, a splendid fencer, and a rider to hounds. Present were the Princess Louise, Prince Francis of Teck, and Mr. Haldane

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The Royal Academy

It is just a little difficult, after a Private View, to give, in a hundred words or so, one's impression of this year's Royal Academy. Vast hats, compelling gowns, the increasing inability of the English woman to remember that at a picture show there is colour enough and to spare on the walls, the preponderance of the eternal feminine, the scarcity of the poor, dear masculine — of such is a Private View, and convalescence therefrom is slow if, this year, most certainly sure. For on the whole it is a very satisfactory Academy. There is some genius, much good sound work, plenty of imagination, and a duly appreciated absence of the grosser forms of sensationalism.

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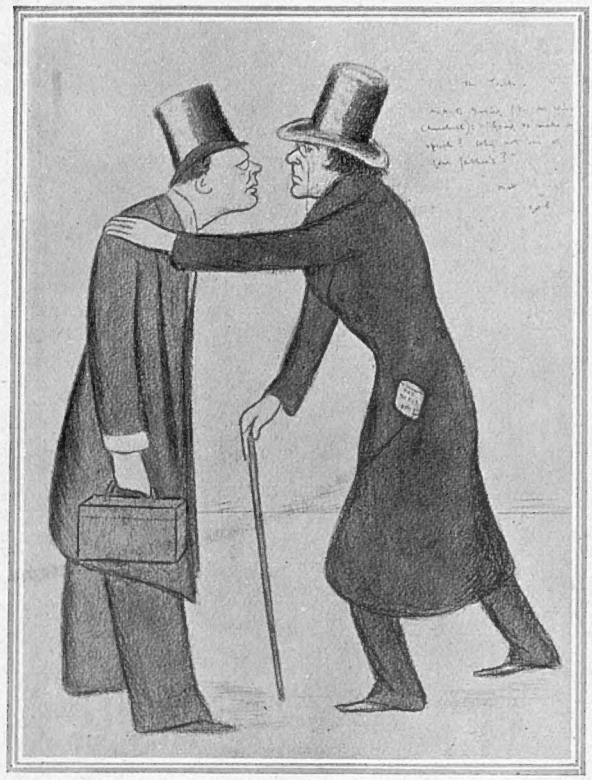
The Great Irish Conspiracy

On pp. 276-7 we publish the last of our series of articles on the Great Irish Conspiracy—a searchlight illumination of the almost incredible state of affairs in Ireland which has fluttered a good many dovecots (if one may use the name of so harmless a bird in this connection). There was plenty more that might have been written on the subject. But we have deemed it better to avoid theories and to confine ourselves to a succinct *exposé* of the sufficiently startling facts, leaving the public to draw their own conclusions as to the mistakes of the past and the remedies of the future. Our motive in the publication of the articles has been to impart some idea of a most serious and perilous movement to the British people, which has hitherto, for various reasons, been allowed to learn comparatively little about it. And the fact that THE BYSTANDER holds no brief for any of the parties concerned has, we hope, underlined with special emphasis the importance of its revelations.

How "Max" Sees Them

CHARACTERISTIC CARICATURES OF MEN OF THE DAY

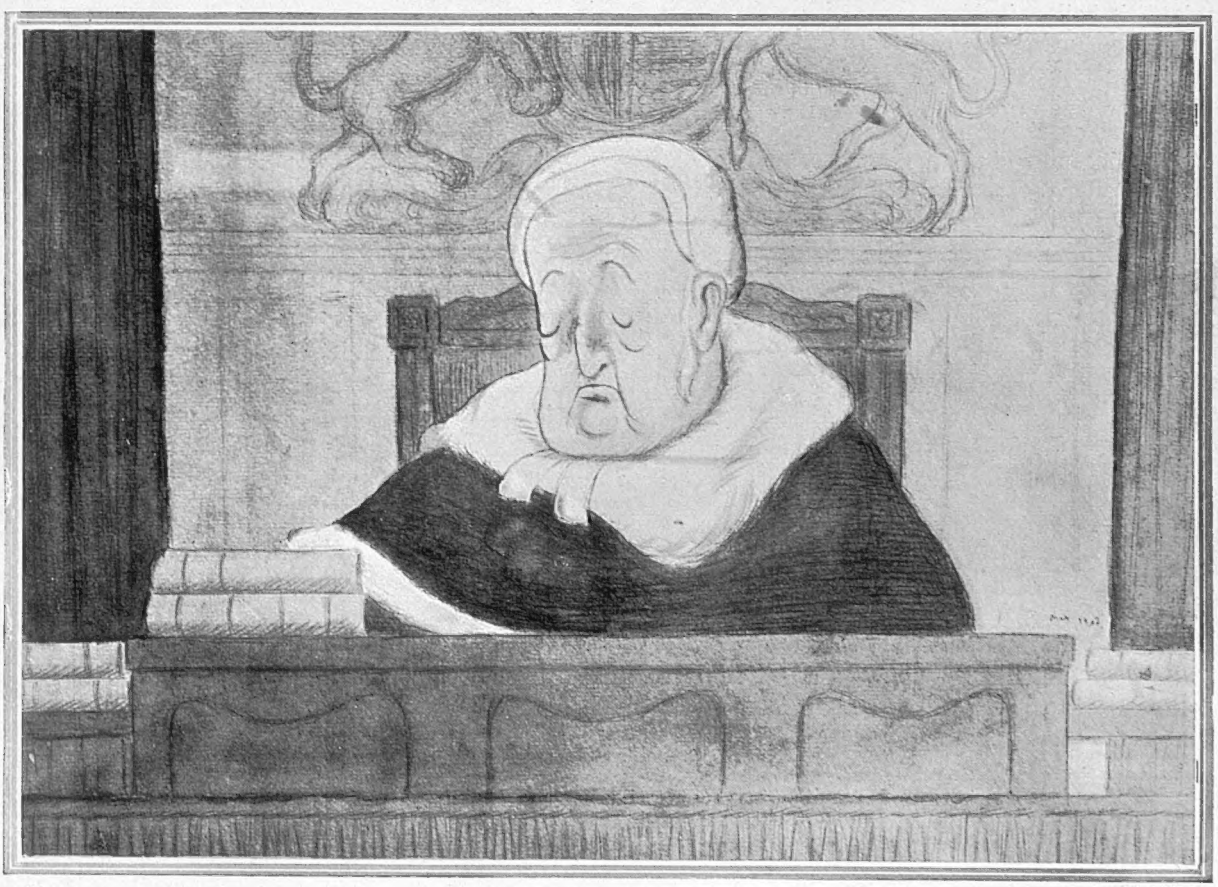


Why Not?

Mr. H. B. Irving to Mr. Winston Churchill: "Going to make a speech? Why not one of your father's?"

Desperate Efforts!

Mr. Asquith, having kissed hands on his appointment, sets to work with characteristic industry and determination to acquire personal magnetism



Photos] **Lord Alverstone, the Lord Chief Justice** [*Illustrations Bureau*

We have many caricaturists in this country, but Mr. Max Beerbohm is the only one who has learnt the art of—caricature. Our pet and most secret foibles and weaknesses we cannot hide from him, and yet through it all he is ever the gentleman, and he never offends against good taste. The drawings reproduced above are only three from a most delightful collection now on view at the Carfax Gallery, where the leading lights of art, literature, the drama, and politics, as seen by Max, are all on view

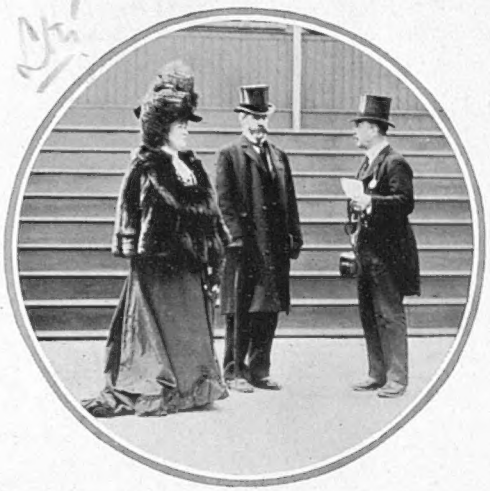
Racing at Punchestown and—Epsom

The Members' Stand, Punchestown

In sharp contrast to the horrible weather experienced at Epsom and Sandown, the conditions at Punchestown were almost summerlike, and all Dublin, including the non racing Viceroy, were present at the popular meeting

"J.P." and Racing

The First Spring Meeting at Newmarket has drawn to that select and exclusive capital of the racing world all those devotees of the sport of Kings who have, with luck, survived the rigours of last week's racing fixtures. At Epsom, at Sandown, alternately it rained, it hailed, it blew, it snowed. Jupiter Pluvius, frenzied with excess, lost all sense of the fitness of things. He rained on rich and poor alike, and as there were race meetings all over the country, it wasn't possible just to sit in your club window, as did a certain noble lord on Bank Holidays, "watching the d——d people rained on." Punchestown, with Irish contrariness, enjoyed something rather better—the sun almost *shone*. For Newmarket earnest solicitations have been made to the aforementioned "J.P." Its smartness, its exclusiveness, its expensiveness, all have been pointed out to him, together with the fact that it is reserved for the "best people" only. So it is hoped the too lavish god will see reason—and cease raining—but it's a democratic age, even in Olympia, and you never can tell.



The Viceroy, Lord Aberdeen, with Lady Pirrie, at Punchestown

Photos] **The Opening of the Epsom Spring Meeting: Horrible Sufferings of the Spectators** [*Sport and General*

The Dudley Regime in Australia

April—A Parting Kick

The decline and fall of the worst April within the memory of man, modern, ancient, or prehistoric, has given universal satisfaction. Whatever the intentions of its successor, which took office on Friday last, their realisation cannot, at the worst, be so bad as that which we have just endured. April is disgraced. Never again will it enjoy the confidence of even the poets. Its record has been one of mess, muddle, make-believe, of bully and bluster. It was guided by no principle save the deliberate oppression of all classes. It rained, and it snowed, it blew, it froze, it fogged—it rang the changes on all the known varieties of bad weather. Not one day of definite brightness did it vouchsafe us. It spoiled everything—even sacred Easter and the Cup Final. It fouled the Boat Race, Cricket, Racing. It spoiled the crops, clothes, and temper. One sighed for warm and sweet November, for calm, cheery December, for genial January, and kindly February. "Oh," wrote Browning (from Italy), "to be in England now that April's there." The poet's enemies could wish him no worse fate than that, in this year of disgrace, he could have been resurrected to realise that wish.

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The Dudley Ménage

Following in the footsteps of his father, the Earl of Clarendon, who for many years has served the King in his Household, Lord Hyde is to go out to Australia with Lord Dudley, as his A.D.C. He is ten years younger than his future Chief, and, by a strange coincidence, both are slightly lame, Lord Hyde as the result of an accident in early childhood, Lord Dudley from falling downstairs during his first half at Eton, where, by the way, he fagged for Mr. Henry Cust, heir to Lord Brownlow, and former editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and where, also, as the result of their lameness, he and the Duke of Newcastle were the only boys allowed to ride. This post in Australia marks Lord Hyde's entry into official life. He has no house of his own, having lived with Lord Clarendon at The Grove, Watford, where are kept the famous portraits collected by that Earl of Clarendon who was Chancellor to Charles I.

Photo Russell
Lord Hyde

Photo *Alice Hughes*

Lady Hyde and her Baby

She is daughter-in-law of Lord Clarendon. She and her husband are, it is announced, to go to Melbourne shortly, in the wake of Lord Dudley, to whom Lord Hyde has been appointed Aide-de-Camp

Lady Hyde

Lady Hyde, though still in the very early twenties, has been married just upon three years. She was Miss Verena Somers Cocks, sister to Lord Somers, and is an old friend of Lady Dudley's, being related to Adeline, Duchess of Bedford and Lady Henry Somerset, both of whom chaperoned the then Miss Rachel Gurney before her marriage to the future Governor of Australia. Like his sister, Lord Somers has no country house of his own, Eastnor Park, the splendid family seat in Herefordshire, having been left by the last Earl Somers to his daughter, Lady Henry Somerset. He is unmarried, and lives generally in the Isle of Wight, his heir being his uncle, a clergyman, whose American wife rejoices in the unusual names of Deas Thusuelda. Lady Hyde's looks are of the Dresden china variety. She is very fair, with blue eyes, and small, faintly marked features, framed in pale golden hair. She is a god-daughter of Lady Aberdeen, whose successor at the Vice-regal Lodge is rumoured to be Lady Portsmouth—a type of femininity in every way a contrast to the present *châtelaine* of the "Cawstle."

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Ducal Legatees

The three daughters of the Earl and Countess of Gosford, who, under the will of the late Duke of Devonshire, inherit a sum of ten thousand pounds each, have always been very intimate with the Ward family. One of them, Lady Mary, is now the wife of Lord Dudley's younger brother, and the mother of a baby daughter, to whom the Queen is standing sponsor. Like the Wards, too, the Achesons stand high in favour at Court, Lady Gosford being one of Queen Alexandra's oldest friends, and the Earl her Majesty's Vice-Chamberlain, while the royal and ancient game of golf is the favourite and constant pastime of both families. Lord Gosford's eldest daughter, Lady Alexandra, is married to one of Lord Derby's numerous sons, but Lord Acheson and Lady Theo Acheson, the eldest and youngest of the family, are still, the gossips notwithstanding, matrimonially intact.

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Interesting Infants

The King is in literal truth just now the godfather of his people. Two of the most prominent infants shortly to be honoured with the Royal sponsorship are Viscount Fincastle, the son and heir of Lord

Legatees of the Late Duke of Devonshire

and Lady Dunmore, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burns, a grand-niece of Mr. Pierpont Morgan, and grand-daughter of the Mr. and Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck who, in Whitehall and at Highcliffe, have entertained the King more frequently than anyone else in England. Yet another babe, whose parents, for divers causes, have recently been in the eye of the world, is the daughter born at Mistletoe Farm, Pinner, to Captain Yarde-Buller, the future Lord Churston, and Mrs. Yarde-Buller, once Denise Orme, *née* Jessie Smither. To these happy parents the rumour, as yet unconfirmed, that Colonel Atherton is about to re-marry his former wife, must have been interesting and possibly welcome.

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The Tsarevitch—

So much depends upon the life and well-being of the little Tsarevitch that our photograph showing him on the steps of the Tsarskoe-Selo Palace with his father and sisters will, perhaps, interest my readers. Next in succession to the Prince comes the Tsar's brother, the Grand Duke Michael, who is twenty-eight, unmarried (though for some time past he has been on the verge of a morganatic alliance), and extremely delicate. After him on the steps of the Russian Throne come the Grand Duke Vladimir and his sons, Boris and Andrew, his eldest son, Cyril, having forfeited his rights by his marriage with the divorced Grand Duchess of Hesse, daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh. Universally it is hoped that the succession will remain with the Alexandrine line, for the Vladimirs are notoriously self-willed and selfish, and unlikely to sacrifice their pleasures to their duties.

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—And His Mother

For the Tsaritsa, the birth of her little son marked a new era. Always overshadowed by the strong and influential Dowager Empress, her failure to produce an heir had bred in the people that same distrust of her which was felt in Court circles because of her English sympathies and habits, and a very strict code of morals which was hardly suited to a Romanoff Court. But, as the mother of the heir to all the Russias, though her nerves have paid the price, she is now a personage, reverend and sacrosanct. Tall, stately, of classical purity of feature, a fine needlewoman, and very artistic and musical, the daughter of Princess Alice of England has devoted her life to her husband and children. Except for her recent Italian trip, her visit to Balmoral in 1896, accompanied by the Tsar and the baby Grand Duchess Olga, marked the only occasion on which she has left her husband's dominions since her marriage nearly fourteen years ago. Her Imperial Majesty, it may be noted, follows the traditions of her English parentage in the dressing of her children. They are always dressed in the simplest fashion in white serge "sailor" clothes, the four Princesses always wearing long black stockings of Nottingham cashmere, while the baby Tsarevitch wears white socks, and sometimes, in cold weather, little white trousers, which give him an Eastern and rather quaint appearance.

Photo **Lady Alexandra Stanley** [*Barnett*

The wife of Captain the Hon. F. W. Stanley, youngest son of the Earl of Derby

Photo *Lallie Charles*

Lady Theo Acheson

The Earl of Gosford's youngest daughter and the sister of Lady Mary Ward and Lady Alexandra Stanley

Photo **Lady Mary Ward** [*Barnett*

Wife of the Hon. Robert Arthur Ward, Lord Dudley's brother

The three daughters of the Earl of Gosford, who have benefited by the will of the late Duke of Devonshire to the extent of £10,000 apiece

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Ranji Resting

Under the recent arctic conditions I imagine that Ranji, otherwise the Jam of Nawanagar, otherwise "Smith," is not altogether regretting his decision to take his county cricket this summer sitting—as a spectator. His two years of India will scarcely have endeared to him the new mode of batting in a blizzard, or standing at short slip in the snow. His aloofness from the game is, however, due to reasons of health rather than to his newly acquired Oriental dignities, for he is really the most modern Jam that India has yet produced—an Imperialist, and an alleged Liberal of the athletic school.

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Ver Non Semper Viret

"Vernon always scorches" is, apparently, the magisterial reading of the ancestral punning motto of the Vernon family. For Lord Vernon, with Lords Caledon and Glerawly, champion undergraduate motor scorchers, has not only been heavily fined, but has also—at the request of his trustees—had his licence suspended for a year by the Leicester bench. The sad news has been received with mingled feelings at Oxford,

The Tsar en Famille: A Charming Group

Photo *L. E. A.*

THE TSAR, WITH THE LITTLE TSAREVITCH AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY, PHOTOGRAPHED ON THE STEPS OF TSARSKOE-SELO

The Rivett-Carnacs of India

Photo *Lambert Weston*

Miss Muriel Rivett-Carnac

A daughter of Sir James Rivett-Carnac, of the famous Anglo-Indian family, married to Mr. F. M. Van Cortlandt last week

where the absence of Lord Vernon on his high-speed Wehr will detract considerably from the animation and bustle of the High and the Corn during the term just opened. One feels a little sorry, too, that the £20 fine which accompanied the sentence could not have gone into the 'Varsity chest, which so sorely needs it. I am not quite clear as to whether or not the "Proggins" has pecuniary jurisdiction over motor scorchers. If not, then I would commend the idea to Lord Curzon for immediate adoption.

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A Great Anglo-Indian Family

Is it not in one of the "Plain Tales from the Hills" that Kipling refers to the Rivett-Carnacs as one of the three great families whose fame and fortunes are inextricably mixed with India and with the British rule therein? In the East there seems hardly a post that a Rivett-Carnac has not at some time or other held with distinction. As soldiers, heads of departments, judges, commissioners, assistant-commissioners, collectors, deputies, members of councils "with the right of wearing open-work, jam-tart jewels in gold and enamel on their clothes," the name of Rivett-Carnac is known through all the length and breadth of British dominion in the East. The Miss Muriel Rivett-Carnac, who last week married Mr. F. M. Van Cortlandt, grandson of General Van Cortlandt, is the daughter of the present and third baronet, Sir James Rivett-Carnac, and great-grand-daughter of the first baronet, who was chairman of the East India Company two years in succession, for many years M.P. for the ancient Port of Sandwich, and Governor of Bombay in the late 'thirties.

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Music and Discomfort

London duly came into its new possession—St. James's Hall—on Saturday week, when, despite the blizzard, a very large audience turned up to see and hear. The playing by the orchestra, under Mr. Lyell-Tayler, was good, if a little heavy. The hall is somewhat small for so large an orchestra, and will, doubtless, be better suited for chamber concerts—a form of art in much need of revival in these days when we are all a little weary of orchestral sound and fury. The promenade season now in progress should prove attractive to music-lovers, though, personally, I am at a loss to understand the psychology of a man who can listen, erect and motionless, to music for hours together. Wagner never appeals to me less when I hear him in comfort, as I sip a glass of—something, and I cannot understand why on earth London, with its enormous foreign population, does not possess some equivalent to, say, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall.

Barring the Bar

Talking of novelties reminds me of the visit I paid the other day to a public-house without a bar. This sounds like *Hamlet* without the Prince of Denmark, but it is on these lines that the reformed "pub" must be run if real temperance reform is to take place during this generation. The demonstration is being held at the Institute of the Society of Hygiene, Devonshire Street, and is well worth a visit by all interested in this national problem. Drinking and degradation are now, unhappily, almost synonymous terms, and it is to show how drinking may be elevated that this demonstration is being held. Firstly, all drink is served at the small tables provided, the counter—it cannot be termed a bar, being only for serving purposes. The habit of bar-lounging, equally pernicious for server and served, is thereby swept away, while the opportunity for social intercourse—the public-house's great use—is increased. Then the point is emphasised that liquor is only *one* of the forms of refreshment served; in fact, it will be subservient to the provision of food and other light refreshment. Papers and music are also provided, the latter at Devonshire Street by means of an excellent Gramophone. In fact, it is the introduction of the Continental system that is aimed at. Every class is represented at the café. Broaden the class basis of British hostelries, and make Drinking therein but an incidental to Refreshment and Intercourse, and the Drink Problem will be almost, probably completely, solved.

Photo *Vandyk*

Prince Ranjitsinhji in his Robes of State

Though very English in his tastes, the Jam of Nawanagar (otherwise "Ranji") preserves—if we may venture to use the expression—the customs and the costume of his dominion. Nothing could be more imposing than the above rig-out

Compulsory Liquidation

MEANMANN: "It seems a shame, after slaving for it for all these years, to think that I can't take a blessed sovereign with me"
GRABBE: "My dear sir, what would be the use? It would only melt"

BY G. E. STUDDY

THE·GREAT·IRISH·CONSPIRACY·

NO. VIII—CAN THE IRISH RULE THEMSELVES?

The symbol of Irish "tranquillity." A member of the Royal Irish Constabulary

The following is the eighth of a series of articles, the object of which is to lay bare the real facts of the situation in Ireland, where a vast and well-organised conspiracy is at work for the overthrow of British rule and for the introduction of a state of Anarchy and Socialism. Previous articles have dealt with the leading personalities of the movement, the United Irish League, the Congested Districts Board, the priest in politics, the condition of the peasantry, and the plight of the loyalist.

THE LESSON OF FACTS

We have described in previous issues the main forces which are at work on behalf of the Great Irish Conspiracy, the methods of the conspirators, and the material which they have to work upon. The avowed object of those who are conducting the campaign of sedition and outrage is to obtain for Ireland the power to govern herself—their ultimate, less openly acknowledged aim to bring about complete separation from England and a state of Socialism. Many of the perils of granting to Ireland any measure of self-government have been pretty plainly indicated in the preceding articles. But perhaps the most striking object-lesson of the unfitness of the people to rule is directly provided by themselves, in the records of the proceedings of the various local bodies in the country. Ireland has already a large share in the direction of her own affairs. In the national councils of the House of Commons she has a considerably more numerous representation, proportionately, than any other portion of the United Kingdom. In local affairs she holds, by virtue of the provisions of the Local Government Act of 1898, very extensive powers of control, which have been largely employed, it must regretfully be said, for purposes of jobbery, both political and private.

A STRIKING TESTIMONY

No more immediately conclusive and overwhelming answer to the question asked above could be found than in the accounts, given by Nationalist papers, of the manner in which the popularly elected Nationalist representatives conduct such affairs of the country as they already have in their hands. The scenes at meetings of councils, corporations, and other local bodies in Ireland are such that the Nationalist organs themselves are compelled to cry shame, and to point out how strong an argument their disgraceful violence and disorder form against the granting of Home Rule. A recent instance is provided by the meeting of the Mayo County Council, as recorded by the "Western People" on February 29 of this year. The chairman of the meeting was the notorious Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M.P., secretary of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and an ardent advocate of boycotting. The proceedings, we are told, "were characterised by scenes which were not only extraordinary, but a disgrace to any chamber or public body." The principal business of the meeting was the election of a coroner and a returning officer, and "an organised band of disturbers, under the generalship of Denis O'Kelly, brother of Conor O'Kelly," created a wild disturbance. For the position of returning officer the applicants were a Mr. Moclair and a Mr. Doris.

SCENES AT A MEETING

"When Mr. Costello rose to propose Mr. Moclair it was almost impossible to hear a word that he said. Sticks were shook (sic) menacingly by the O'Kelly gang of rowdies, and finally an ink-bottle whizzed by Mr. Costello's head. . . . . Words cannot describe the manner in which things proceeded from this forth. . . . . Denis O'Kelly jumped over the barrier, knocking down chairs in his mad career towards Mr. M'Garry, snapped the document from that gentleman's hand, and tore it to pieces. Trembling with agitation, he stood opposite Mr. M'Garry with hand raised as if to strike. . . . . He again rushed at Mr. M'Garry, and, trying to clear some chairs in front of him, his feet got entangled with them, and he fell with a thud to the floor. . . . . It took all the efforts of four or five councillors to prevent him from again rushing at Mr. M'Garry. At this time outside the barrier pandemonium reigned supreme."

A VIOLENT DISTURBANCE

The O'Kelly family is very prominent in such scenes. At a meeting of the Claremorris Board of Guardians in February, 1907, as reported by the "Connaught Telegraph," Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M.P., and his brothers, Denis and William, took part in a violent disturbance. The business was the election of a clerk to the Board, and a certain Archdeacon Kilkenny was stated to have influenced the result. After the poll had been taken:

"Mr. Denis O'Kelly: Where is Kilkenny, the ——? (Great uproar.) Where is the cowardly assassin?

"At this stage there was awful uproar in the room. The uproar grew in intensity, and Mr. Denis O'Kelly again said: The Archdeacon that threw the bomb is not here to-day. He ran away. He added a few strong epithets in connection with Archdeacon Kilkenny's name.

"Mr. E. Caulfield: Archdeacon Kilkenny may meet you soon enough.

"Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M.P. (addressing Mr. Caulfield): You scoundrel!

"Mr. Caulfield made some remarks which were inaudible.

"Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M.P.: You low cur.

"Mr. Conor O'Kelly then sprang to the edge of the table and raised his stick to strike Mr. Caulfield, who would certainly have received it on his head only for the presence of mind of Mr. Thos. Burke.

"After the day's proceedings had closed, and when Mr. Caulfield was leaving the room, Mr. William O'Kelly stopped him, and asked him for an explanation of his conduct in the room. Mr. Caulfield made some reply, whereupon Mr. O'Kelly delivered him a crushing blow on the left cheek-bone, which felled him. Mr. Caulfield quickly got on his legs, and with his face covered with blood he rushed at Mr. O'Kelly and dealt him a blow of his stick on the crown of his head. Mr. O'Kelly, on regaining his equilibrium, again hit Mr. Caulfield, and before the spectators could interfere he again knocked Mr. Caulfield in the porch outside the board-room. They next got to handgrips, but were separated."

VULGAR AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

From the proceedings of the Castlebar Urban Council, reported in the "Western People" of February 1 of this year:

"Mr. J. Daly: I would not be seen talking to an idiot like you.

"The Chairman: You won't be long here, anyway.

"Mr. J. Daly: I defy you or any mangy cur of your sort to put me out.

"Mr. M. C. Daly: You are nothing but a low, mean coward and a ruffian."

From the "deliberations" of the Carrickmacross Urban Council, reported in the Nationalist "Dundalk Democrat" of February 8, 1908:

"Mr. Fennell: I say again you are telling a lie.

"Mr. M'Mahon: Do you accuse me of being a liar?

"Mr. Fennell: I say you are a liar, and a d——d liar.

"Mr. M'Mahon: Withdraw that. You should be the last man to say that anyone was a liar.

"Mr. Fennell: Any man with blood in him would say you are a bare-faced liar."

WORK FOR THE POLICE

From the proceedings of the Roscommon County Council, as described by the Nationalist "Roscommon Herald" in March, 1907:

"Here an indescribable scene of uproar took place, contractors and labourers taking possession of the gallery, and using epithets of a not very approved kind towards each other. The police force was augmented, and patrols of

constables were placed in several parts of the building. Contractor Finneran wielded a heavy walking-stick over the heads of those near him. Two constables went over to Finneran and pulled him down.

"Labourers: Put him out! Put him out!

"Donnegan (another contractor): Don't think the ratepayers of County Roscommon are going to be put down. (To Mr. Webb): You mean blackguard!

"The place was a regular din of uproar now, and the police had to use force to suppress noisy contractors."

From the "Leinster Nationalist's" account of the Mountmellick District Council meeting, March, 1907:

"Here some labourers rushed up and seized Mr. Bourke, but some other parties intervened. All got mixed up pell-mell, and for nearly fifteen minutes about a dozen men were engaged in thumping and hauling one another about, while several people climbed on the table or stood on the seats around the room to view the struggle. . . . . With shouts of 'kick him out' Mr. Bourke was seized, and after a short struggle turned over on a seat. While there he was kicked several times, and was then dragged towards the door, being kicked and thumped by any labourer who could get near him."

FRENZIED HOWLS AND BLOWS

From the "Connaught Telegraph's" description of a meeting of the Ballinrobe Board of Guardians in February last year:

"The quarterly meeting of the district council was held at eleven o'clock, and long before the proceedings commenced the board-room was packed, ingress and egress being impossible. There was no means of ventilation, and the room reeked with the foulest stench. Now and again some of the more ardent supporters of Dr. Corcoran walked on the backs of the people, and, getting a foothold on the board-room table, howled until they had to give it up through sheer exhaustion. This state of things continued until two o'clock, and during all this time no business was done. Those in the board-room maintained a continued and almost frenzied howl, which was supported by the crowd outside. Blows were freely exchanged, and the groans and cries of the people were interrupted with curses from drunken vagabonds, who were put in that condition by persons who should know better."

From the "debate" of the Dungarvan Board of Guardians, described by the "Waterford News" in February of last year:

"Mr. Bryne: I don't want to be interrupted by a —— ruffian like you.

"Mr. Walsh: Like me! Give me my money, you boccagh. You have my money, you cadger.

"Mr. Byrne: I am not going to make myself ridiculous owing to this man.

"Mr. Walsh: Go along, you blackguard, you scamp, you cadger."

From the headlines of the "Westmeath Independent," referring to a meeting of the Castlerea District Council, February, 1907:

"An awful scene of riot. District Council meeting rushed. Ash plants, fists, kicks, bloody faces, and cut heads. Combatants hurled into the crowd. Fighters kicked while lying on the Council table. Wild scenes of disorder—ear-splitting yells. 'I'll be hung for this to-day.' Police have a hot time of it."

"NICE SAMPLES" OF HOME RULE

At the meeting of the Dublin Corporation in October, 1906, according to the "Freeman's Journal":

"Mr. Daly asked that Mr. Vance should withdraw his statement that he had told a lie.

"Mr. Vance: I repeat you stated a deliberate falsehood.

"Mr. Daly advanced to Mr. Vance and said: You ignorant little pig."

At the Ballina District Council, as reported in the Nationalist "Mayo News" of September, 1906:

"Mr. Gaughan: Go along, you drunken sot.

"Mr. Henry: Go away, you paralytic fellow.

"Mr. Gaughan: Go along, you cad you.

"Mr. Henry: Sit down; you are rotten!"

At the meeting of the Cork Union to elect a workhouse doctor, in August, 1906, according to the "Cork Constitution":

"The greatest disorder now prevailed. The confusion became general, and nearly all the members left their seats and surged around the Chairman's desk. . . . . Renewed disorder broke out. Mr. Dorgan remarked, 'This is a nice sample of what we would have if we got Home Rule.'"

At the Bray Urban Council in September, 1906, as reported by the "Irish Times":

"Mr. O'Byrne: Sit down, you cur.

"Mr. Burke: You had better withdraw that.

"Mr. O'Byrne: I will not withdraw it. You are a cur.

"The Chairman described Mr. Jones as a Jack-in-the-Box.

"The remark was followed by a scene of disorder, Councillor Burke putting a dog on the council table, and at the same time shouting that he would set him at someone."

From the "Sligo Independent's" report of a meeting of the Sligo Corporation in April, 1906:

"Councillor M'Donagh said corner-boy officials should not be permitted to act in such a manner.

"Mr. Harte (Roads and Market Superintendent): Go along, you ——. You are beneath my contempt. A man like you is not to be ——.

"Councillor M'Carrick: Conduct like this should not be tolerated.

"Mr. Harte: He is only a cur."

A CORPORATION RIOT

At a meeting of the Cork Corporation, as described by the "Cork County Eagle" in February, 1906:

"The next instant the crowds in the galleries overflowed the barriers and joined actively in the fray. A free fight commenced. Chairs were overturned; nervous members fled the chamber. The fight went on, and several members were in handgrips, and hitting out at each other with their clenched fists. The Lord Mayor at this stage declared the meeting adjourned."

The meetings of the United Irish League are also instructive. The Nationalist "Kerry Sentinel" describes a meeting of the East Kerry executive of the League in July, 1906:

"The altercation developed into a fight, in which several blows were struck. . . . . The scene now assumed a most animated and menacing form; blows were freely struck, and heavy strokes administered. Ultimately a section of the crowd left the room and went outside into the street, and there were shouts of 'Up Sullivan,' followed by counter-cries of 'Up Murphy.' Another rush was made up the stairs, and a vigorous struggle ensued. Blows were indulged in and sticks used."

Similar scenes are recorded by the "Cork Examiner" as having occurred at a meeting of the Mid-Tipperary branch of the League at Thurles in August of last year:

"The hall was now one din of confusion and disorder. Heated altercations took place in the body of the room, and blows were frequently exchanged."

NATIONALIST PAPER'S ADMISSION

These are only a few typical instances of what is daily occurring in Ireland, and the frequency of such scenes was attested recently by a strongly Nationalist paper, the "Enniscorthy Guardian," which, in its issue of January 18 last, said:

"Are we fit for Home Rule? People in other parts of Ireland may be, but the people of Wexford town certainly are not, if we may judge by the proceedings, occasionally, of the Wexford Corporation. Will any honest man read the report of the last meeting and say some of the individuals present at that meeting, or the electors who sent them to the town board, are fit to administer the affairs of the town—even this small instalment of Home Rule? Similar scenes are frequently enacted, though for shame's sake they are not always fully reported in the Press."

THE MEN WHO WOULD RULE

These councillors and officials form the class from whom the rulers of Ireland would be drawn if Ireland obtained the power to rule, or try to rule, herself. And the "rulers" would, in the natural course of events, include the Irish Parliamentary Party, of whom Mr. William O'Brien recently published a scathing characterisation in his paper, the "Irish People." He quoted from his own diary of 1898, in the following words: "D. gives an appalling picture of the demoralisation of the party. When he took two Australian bishops down to the smoking-room —— was offensively drunk, and made a horrible exhibition. Poor ——, he tells me, looks ghastly, and will certainly kill himself. Unfortunately —— is idle, and cannot raise the means of going to London, but still bets on as madly as ever, and —— is long past praying for. It is deplorable. The first fifty country boys at a fair are worth more than the whole pitiful crew."

THE ANSWER

Can the Irish rule themselves? Could they, under present conditions, so conduct their own affairs as to bring about and maintain a condition of prosperity and peace? The answer, deduced from such facts as those given above and in our previous articles, is—inevitably and emphatically—No! The national character, in its present state of development, is plainly unadapted for the work of self-government. Its possibilities form quite another chapter. But so long as the Irish people are under the thumb of priests and political agitators, the independence which is the Conspiracy's first aim, and which some sentimentalists would be inclined unthinkingly to concede to them, would mean disaster, not only to the Empire, but to Ireland itself. If Ireland got Home Rule or Separation to-morrow, she would not know what to do with it. The priest would know, and the self-seeking politician would also have his own peculiar views on the subject. But the general body of the nation would be utterly unable to use an independence for which they are quite unqualified. It is a Celtic characteristic of the Irish people to juggle with phrases and to avoid practical facts. They can talk eloquently, but they have not yet learned to act. They must first get rid of the incubus of the priesthood, the plague of political agitators, and the tyranny of the League and other organisations.

THE REAL EMANCIPATION

Ireland cannot rule herself until she is free—free not from the civilising influences of England, but from the stifling mediæval oppression of the Mission from Rome, and the reactionary intrigues of ignorant and venal politicians. And when that great emancipation is accomplished, she will find that her old catchwords were vanity, and that the liberty for which she was taught to utter a parrot-cry was no true liberty, but Anarchy, with the lion's share of the spoils for those who made a livelihood out of their "patriotism." But the lesson has not been learnt yet, and the danger of mob-rule is increasingly imminent.

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Royal Visit to Corfu

The Duke of Connaught leaving the Royal Palace, Athens, and entering King George's motor, to pay a visit to the Kaiser at the Achilleion Palace. H.R.H. is accompanied by King George and the Duke and Duchess of Sparta

The King's idea to include Sweden in his Scandinavian tour was, indeed, a happy one. This is the first time, it seems, that a British monarch has ever visited Sweden, and the Swedes are determined to make him as welcome as they can. The King's visit puts an end to a slight feeling of jealousy which the Swedes have felt ever since the secession of Norway. Rightly or wrongly, they fancied, in spite of the great affection King Edward always showed for the late King Oscar, and in spite of the fact that an English Princess will one day become Queen of Sweden, that England had slighted them, and had taken too great an interest in Sweden's late partner. The moment was well chosen. England now shows that she is on equally friendly terms with Sweden, Norway, and Denmark alike.

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The general opinion about the death of the Duc de Chaulnes is that he purposely took an overdose of morphia in order to put an end to the unpleasant time he was having with his creditors. When his marriage with Miss Shonts, of New York, took place in February last, the American papers discussed at some length the importance of the family to which the Duke belonged, though French papers thought it necessary to celebrate the event by dragging up a terrible scandal which was attached to his name, and which made it practically impossible for him to marry one of his own countrywomen. The late Duke was a great favourite in French Society. Everyone was ready to make excuses for his unhappy childhood, and added "*au fond il est bon garçon*" each time some fresh scandal was brought to light. To his friends he spoke of marriage to an American as a necessity.

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Miss Shonts accepted him at once, but he could not come to terms with her father. The Duke wanted entire control of his wife's fortune, and the father would not allow this. However, when the engagement had been announced twelve times and contradicted, the Duke determined to make the best of a bad bargain. The Duchesse de Chaulnes's married life was short, but very stormy. From the moment she set foot in France, she was worried by her husband's creditors, many of whom she paid. It was when she put her foot down (or, rather, when her father put his down), and determined to keep her own fortune, that the tragedy occurred. The Duchesse de Chaulnes has only been a week in Paris, so, consequently, is not yet known. She is only twenty years of age, and quite pleasant. Whether she will stay here and reap the benefit of her position or return to America she has not yet decided. It is astonishing, however, how few have any sympathy for her. She knew her husband's character, and she forgave him — for the title of Duchesse.

Photo *K. Collings*

The Duchesse de Chaulnes

Formerly Miss Shonts. Her husband, to whom she was married only a month or two ago, died suddenly on the 24th inst., it is supposed by his own hand

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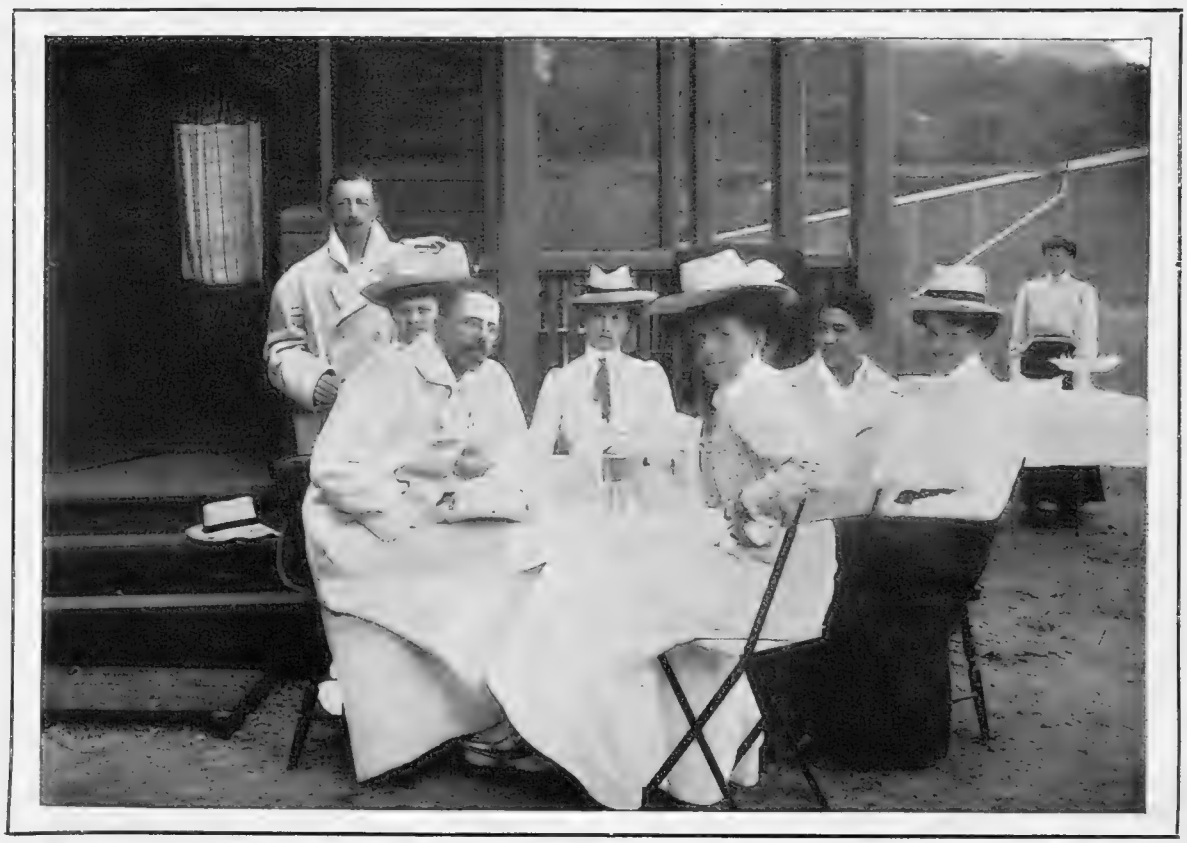
The Duke of Abruzzi's marriage with an American heiress is a subject of intense interest throughout Continental Europe. When and whether it will ever take place is still, to some extent, a question. Miss Elkins, of course, gets a great deal of unsolicited good advice in her own country. She is warned that ducal husbands have not as yet turned out successes, and a charming young American who was known to have been encouraged by the young lady herself is the object of sympathy. Miss Elkins was dancing with this young man at a reception given by the Italian Ambassador. The Duke of Abruzzi, who was present, immediately asked to be introduced to her, and at once made up his mind to marry her. From all accounts, he is a very retiring man, little known in Roman Society, and it is astonishing how little he cares for luxury and his Royal position. Being in the Navy, too, he is often a great deal away from Italy, and this is possibly the reason the gossips have not found an opportunity of inventing all kinds of impossible stories about him.

The telegrams in the New York papers cabled back to Rome have astonished the Romans and intensely displeased King Victor, who, democratic as he is in many things, is at the same time the pink of discretion. An alleged interview, said to have been given by the Ambassador, Mr. Lloyd Griscom, who has had to make a public denial, nearly led to a rupture between him and the King. His apology was not, however, at first accepted. The King has a hot southern temperament, and takes no pains to hide his sentiments. The Ambassador told a friend it was one of the severest tests to which his diplomatic abilities have so far been subjected. Mr. Griscom, by the way, is greatly admired by the Kaiser, and it is not unlikely, failing Mr. Pierpont Morgan, that he will be sent as Mr. Hill's successor in Berlin.

it would not be at all surprising if the course of this courtship did not run at all smooth. If the Duke of Abruzzi succeeds in carrying off his American bride, and the lady is allowed to have the title of Royal Princess, many more marriages of this kind will take place. Apropos of this, the King of Spain's admiration for American girls is a *secret de polichinelle.* There certainly seems some truth in the statement that American dollars are to rule the world, and even the German Emperor has shown his readiness to bow before them. The Duke del Drago, the penniless descendant of the noble house which has given its name to the Palace at Rome in which the American Ambassador lives, has been refused by the well-known heiress, Miss Mary Newland, of Detroit. This lady has been spending Easter in Paris, and her suitor,



King Edward's Host as Lawn-Tennis Player : King Gustav of Sweden having Tea with the other Competitors at the Saro Tournament

King Gustav, as Crown Prince, was an indefatigable lawn-tennis enthusiast, but whether he will refrain from appearing in public tournaments now he has ascended the throne remains to be seen. The above group is reproduced from Mr. A. Wallis Myers, "The Complete Lawn Tennis Player" (Methuen: 10s. 6*d.*), which is reviewed on another page

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It is amusing to watch the almost childlike delight taken in the marriage by Americans in Paris and elsewhere on the Continent. They are astonished that Miss Elkins should be considered an heiress, for her fortune is in no way to be compared with Miss Vanderbilt's dowry. If the Duke of Abruzzi escapes criticism, the Elkins family have had more than their share. The humility of their origin and the illiteracy of their speech has been cited without consideration for the dictates of decency and human charity.

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The displeasure of the strait-laced, high-born Italians at the indiscreet lifting of the veil with which they surround their home life is quite comprehensible to anyone who has lived among them. The difference between Americans and Italians is so great that

nothing daunted, has followed her, and is even staying in the same hotel. Rome has, this Easter, been uncomfortable beyond expression. The hotels have been overcrowded by Society people who have not been able to afford to go to Egypt. They have been disappointed to find that the old celebrations which made Rome such an attraction have been discontinued under the rather puritanical *régime* of the present Pontiff. Visitors have, however, been indemnified by beautiful weather and the typical Roman blue sky. I have never seen the Pincio and the Corso so crowded with handsome equipages and such elegantly dressed women. Foreigners usually come to the Pincio to see Italian high life, but they themselves are there in such numbers that native beauty has to be sought out with the assistance of a guide.

A Fine "Flor de Cuba" at the Gaiety

SKETCHED AT THE GAIETY THEATRE BY NORMAN MORROW

THE PLAYHOUSES

Miss Nell Emerald

The clever comedienne who comes from the provinces to play a leading part in the revival of *The Dairymaids* at the Queen's

Photo Foulsham and Banfield

COMEDY THEATRE

"Mrs. Dot"

Mr. W. Somerset Maugham is the latest playwright to arrive. For many years the Amalgamated Society of Managers, Actor-Managers, and Syndicates have "formed square" against him, and repelled him at the point of the bayonet, but now, having broken their ranks, they cannot make too much of him. Little more than six months ago Mr. Maugham was walking round London with his pockets bulging with plays, and his heart weighed down with that deep grief which only the great unacted know. Now he has three plays running simultaneously, and all of them are doing flourishing business.

Two Roads to Success

The interesting thing in connection with Mr. Maugham's development is that he started out writing plays *à la* Granville Barker. *A Man of Honour* was psychological, tragical, and unconventional. It represented the drama of ideas. Of course, there was not a penny in it, and no manager would have been mad enough to put it up for a run. So Mr. Maugham went home and took this lesson to heart. There are only two roads to success. One way is to keep on writing "to please yourself and a few friends" until you have trained up a public to appreciate you. This is the Bernard Shaw method. The other way is to give the public the food it wants, served up with as much of your own individuality as possible. This is Mr. Maugham's method, and now he sits at home and pockets fat royalties every week. Mr. Maugham does not worry much about strong situations or original plots. His art lies in telling an old story in a new way. He could, I believe, make a fascinating epigrammatic comedy out of the story of "The Three Bears" if he tried.

The Latest Portia and her Latest Acquisition

Miss Alexandra Carlisle, who has only been prominently before the public since her appearance in *The Morals of Marcus* at the Garrick, eighteen months ago, has again scored a distinct success as Portia in Mr. Tree's production of *The Merchant of Venice* at His Majesty's. The above photograph shows her with the newest model Rudge-Whitworth cycle

Gossamer Drama

His plays are rather like spiders' webs. They are all spun out of next to nothing in the way of silk, but the result is beautiful, symmetrical, airy, and gossamer-like. His great achievement in *Mrs. Dot* is that he has provided Miss Marie Tempest with a delightful part. As the fascinating relict of a brewer who has had the tact to die and leave her with an income of £60,000 a year, she pervades a play which might be called "The Manœuvres of Dot." She wants to marry a young man who is desperately in love with her, but has carelessly got himself engaged to a red-haired young dream of beauty, who no more loves him than he loves her. Mrs. Dot is no believer in letting things drift. Grasp your happiness if you want it is her creed, so when Mr. Graham Browne talks to her about honour and his pledged word, she lays her plans with elfish cunning. She has a nephew in her pocket—a tame, private secretary, fatuous young man, who is attracted by the red-haired beauty, and the lady is not averse to changing her allegiance. So what does Mrs. Dot do? Throw them together? Nothing so foolish. She excites their flaccid emotions by keeping them apart, and their love thrives on obstacles. Meanwhile, she drives Mr. Graham Browne to frenzy by herself pretending to flirt with that delightful woman-hater, Mr. Fred Kerr.

The secretary is not a rapid person, so she gives him sundry hints—and £500, with a further promise of £2,000 a year when she marries. She is very rich, and it all comes out of beer—glorious beer. (Whether she will be able to allow Freddie Perkins, for that is the young man's name, £2,000 a year once the Licensing Bill is passed is another matter.) Then she leaves a motor-car lying at the door—and a special licence duly made out with the right names lying on the table, and the red-haired beauty and the secretary would be dull indeed if they did not take these delicate hints and run away, leaving Mr. Graham Browne free to marry Miss Tempest.

Moral of it All

The acting is beyond reproach all round. Miss Tempest, in marvellous frocks, pulls strings and manœuvres her house-party so dexterously that I felt inclined to pity any man who strayed within her sphere

of attraction. I can imagine the poor creature being whirled off his feet, and married to someone or other against his will in a couple of days. Mr. Graham Browne plays the honour-bound young peer with admirable earnestness, and Mr. Kenneth Douglas's boyish secretary is one of the best things he has done. Miss Marie Illington, as the red-haired beauty's mother, is—Miss Illington. She is never anything else, and I hope she never will be. Mr. Fred Kerr has a part that fits him perfectly, and Mr. Herbert Ross is a neat thing in valets. Delicate comedy of this nature requires good acting, and the Comedy management have done Mr. Maugham handsomely.

And the moral of all this is that many managers might now be jingling money in their pockets if they had backed Mr. Maugham years ago, instead of pinning their faith to emasculated versions of French plays—adaptations carefully robbed of all merit in order to suit them to the palate of the dull Briton. F.

"Havana" at the Gaiety.

If you wish for a veritable feast for the eye and ear, go to the Gaiety. *Havana* may lack a good plot, but we can forgive all this, for Mr. George Edwardes has provided us with one of the most beautiful, most sumptuously mounted, and most enjoyable productions it has been my lot to see. Furthermore, Mr. Leslie Stuart has composed some delicious music, and numbers of charming and catchy melodies. As I have said, the story does not really matter. Suffice it to say that the plot deals with a revolutionist scheme to overthrow the existing Government of Cuba, and enthrone a lady of the Revolutionaries' choice as Queen, and that a British yacht in harbour is mistaken by the authorities for a ship bringing arms and aid to the plotters. This, naturally enough, leads to complications. There are three acts, and in each the scenery is magnificent. The curtain rises in the first act upon Bombito and Co.'s Cigar Store, in the second upon the Palio of the Torre del Campo, and in the last act, the finest of all, we have the harbour of Havana, with the yacht moored alongside the quay. Instead of the usual Gaiety favourites, however, we find Miss Evie Greene, Mr. W. H. Berry, and Mr. Alfred Lester, that inimitable comedian, who has scored such successes at the Palace Theatre. Miss Evie Greene sings exquisitely, and acts well as Consuelo, Bombito's niece. The part suits her, and she makes the most of it. Messrs. Alfred Lester and W. H. Berry, as two A.B.'s of the *Jaunty Jane*, enliven the piece with plenty of fun. I have never seen the former in better trim, and Mr. Lester, it is needless to say, quite brings the house down with his whimsicalities. Miss Mabel Russell, that really clever little actress, sings and dances delightfully, as does Miss Olive May.

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A Study in Stage Mirth

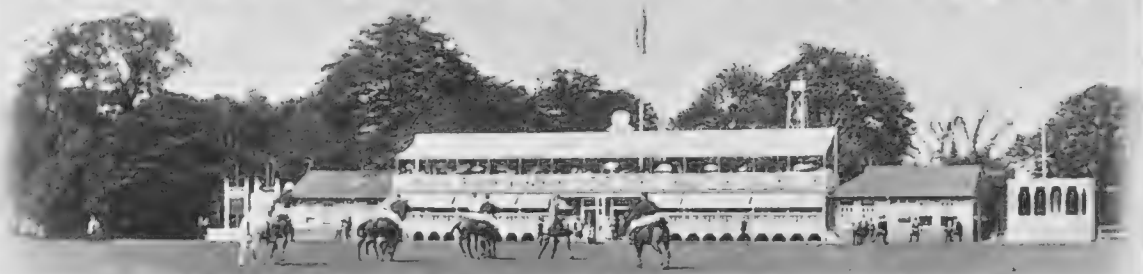
Lady Kitty (Miss Fanny Ward), in *The Marriage of William Ashe*, at Terry's Theatre, shows Eddie Helston (Mr. Spencer Trevor) her book of caricatures of well-known political personages with laughter-provoking effects. (We should be delighted to have an opportunity of judging of their merit if a copy of the book be sent to this office)

TERRY'S THEATRE

"The Marriage of William Ashe"

The dramatisation of Mrs. Humphrey Ward's novel, "The Marriage of William Ashe," makes, if not in every detail a good, at least a very interesting play. The dialogue is crisp and excellently written throughout, the curtains are most effective. But, in spite of the many interesting points and situations, the play is apt to hang fire upon occasion, and makes one impatient at the delay in furthering the action of the story. Presuming that all are not acquainted with the book, it may be as well to give here a brief sketch of the plot. William Ashe, a clever young politician, of whom great things are prophesied, meets Lady Kitty, a charming and very high-spirited young lady, the daughter of Madame D'Estrees, a woman of ill repute. The sins of the mother have proved a great handicap to Lady Kitty, and she has, in consequence, enjoyed anything but a happy life. Ashe pities her, pity gives way to love, and he proposes. Lady Kitty warns him that her irresponsible character will not make her a good wife. Ashe, however, laughs at her fears, and they are married. But her unconventional ways are not suited to a young Minister's wife, and she quickly offends the Prime Minister and his wife, which leads to the exclusion of Ashe from the new Cabinet, in which it was expected he would find a place. The climax is reached in the fourth act, when Ashe, while staying with his wife in Venice, discovers that she is the anonymous writer of a book which, in addition to attacking the Prime Minister and his wife, also divulges State secrets. He hurries to London to apologise to his chief, and to suppress the book, and, as the only honourable course open to him, resigns his position. Miss Fanny Ward acts with power, and is delightful in the part of Lady Kitty. She plays the rôle at first with such delightful piquancy and vivaciousness, and later with such irresistible charm and sweetness, that one is quite fascinated with Lady Kitty before she has been on the stage five minutes. Mr. Cyril Keightley is very fine indeed as William Ashe, and he never for one moment overacts. He makes of Ashe a very real, a very forgiving, and a very noble character. Miss Edith Cartwright plays the rather difficult part of Madame D'Estrees well. R. M.

PROSPECTS OF POLO



A BRILLIANT SEASON AHEAD.

Polo at Hurlingham: A View of the Pavilion at the Start of a Mid-Week Match

A Typical Scene at the Ranelagh Club on the Afternoon of a Tournament Match

Ranelagh is one of the rarest beauty spots of outer London, and the club is immensely successful both in a social and sporting sense

Captain Hardress Lloyd

He will play for Roehampton in the Champion Cup, the British Olympic Cup, and other tournaments

Is there a Finer Game than Polo?

IF you want to see the finest game in the world, played amid the most beautiful surroundings imaginable, contrive to visit one of the London polo clubs on a bright summer afternoon, and I warrant you will not be disappointed. I call polo the finest game in the world, well knowing that the lovers of other branches of sport will at once rouse up in defence of their own particular games. But I am willing to risk that, and to ask whether there is any pastime which calls more insistently for the exercise of qualities upon which Englishmen place the highest value—pluck, resource, quickness of decision, self-control, strength of mind and body, keen eyesight, hard physical condition, and good horsemanship? All these are essential in polo, and the skilled player has other attributes which unfailingly command one's admiration. It is delightful to watch him, mounted on a fast galloping pony that seems to know as much about the game as the player does, driving the ball in front of him with strong, sure strokes. To see a Buckmaster, a Miller, or a Jenner on the move in a keenly fought game is to realise in some degree the poetry of motion, so fine are their seats in the saddle, so delicate their hands, so perfect the understanding between men and ponies. With the possible exception of hunting, nothing in sport could be more exhilarating, and anyone who sees a good match for the first time will not ask how it is that the game has been given so cordial a welcome in this country. Fewer than forty years have passed since its introduction from the East, yet England to-day is the supreme polo nation, and the Hurlingham Rules are law throughout the polo-playing world, with the exception of a few modifications and necessary local changes in India and America.

The London Clubs and their Beauties

Allusion was made in the preceding paragraph to the beautiful surroundings under which London polo is played. The grounds of the three premier clubs are simply glorious in their abundance of wood and foliage, magnificent expanses of fine old turf, pretty lakes, handsome pavilions, and their superb gardens upon which tender care is lavished all the year round, so that they shall appear at their brightest and best from May to August. Nowhere outside Bushey Park may more noble chestnuts be seen than at Hurlingham, and within their broad shades the ponies stand in picturesque array, waiting their turn to be ridden into the exciting fray. Since the pigeon-shooting has been abolished at Hurlingham, and the old unsightly barrier demolished, the full beauties of the ground are discernible as they never were before, and the Hurlingham management is to be heartily congratulated on its courage and wisdom in taking a step which met with bitter antagonism in some quarters. On May 30 Hurlingham will be the scene of the start of a great International Balloon Race, an event unique in the history of the club. As many as thirty balloons will compete, and Major Egerton Green is making every effort to bring this big undertaking to a successful issue.

Mr. R. Grenfell

With great success last season he organised the Freebooters, who brilliantly won the Champion Cup. He will play for Hurlingham in the tournament for the British Olympic Cup

The Charms of Ranelagh

We know that comparisons are unpleasant things, and where each club has its own special features and claims for admiration it would be absurd to set one up against the other. But of Ranelagh it may at least be truly said that the grounds are perfection. When it is stated that within them lies a splendid eighteen-hole golf course, and no fewer than four polo arenas, some idea of the magnitude of this club enclosure will be conveyed. But I don't think that any words of mine could do justice to the pleasant scene which Ranelagh presents on a sunny day of June or July. Bounded on one side by the river between Putney and Hammersmith, and on the opposite side by the edge of Barnes Common, Ranelagh is one of the beauty spots of outer London. Its club-house is the last word in comfort and good taste, its open-air theatre the most charming place of its kind ever devised. Notable are the historic associations of the Barn Elms ground, and as one observes the brilliant crowd of fashionable people who find their way here to take tea on the beautiful lawns, one's mind goes back to the far-off tragic day when the Duke of Buckingham ran my Lord of Shrewsbury through the body in a quiet spot at Ranelagh, with my false Lady Shrewsbury, disguised in a page's

Captain Wilson

Another member of the renowned Roehampton team, and one of the best-mounted players of the day

attire, tremblingly awaiting near by the result of the bloody duel. Many a sad tale could the old trees of Barn Elms tell; but there is no room for sadness to-day at Ranelagh. All is life and quiet gaiety. Everywhere there is evidence of progressive and prudent management, and the best tribute of all to Ranelagh's success and popularity is the fact that there is a long "waiting list" of members.

Roehampton and its Fine Polo

Roehampton is only a youth compared with the other clubs in regard to age. But a remarkably pushing, precocious youth it is, full of enterprise, and eager for continued advancement. Roehampton takes its stand upon the high quality of its polo, and it is not too much to say that no club is more popular with players. You can always rely upon seeing a good game at these grounds, for the brothers Miller, who are responsible for the management of Roehampton, have the knack of getting the best players together in matches as well as in tournaments. With the experience of years at Ranelagh and Rugby behind them, the Messrs. Miller were among the very few people who could have even attempted the starting of a new club. With them success was assured from the beginning. They foresaw the enormous growth in popularity of the game. They felt that there was room for more grounds in London, and their bold policy in striking out a line for themselves has been completely justified. They were fortunate at the outset in obtaining magnificent grounds quite close to the other clubs. The surroundings at Roehampton are delightfully rural. One's view from the southern ground is across pleasant meadows, and the scent of new-mown hay which greets one in the summer makes it difficult to realise that we are less than six miles from Hyde Park Corner. The club is almost as famous for its croquet as for its polo (those who use the splendid croquet lawns may perhaps transpose my sentence!), while there is a good golf course of nine holes.

Count de Madre

A sporting Frenchman, who has a superb stud of polo ponies. He ran the team of Tigers last season, which came very near to winning the Open Cup at Ranelagh

Prospects of the Season

But all this time we have been discussing the features and beauties of the polo clubs, and not a word about the enormous programmes which will be worked through during the ensuing season. "When *are* we coming to the polo prospects?" I can hear the reader say impatiently. Well, polo let it be henceforward. And let me remark at once that the prospects are as bright at all the clubs as they possibly could be. Each one has its special tournaments which promise to be productive of much brilliant and interesting play, and all that is needed now is fair weather. At Hurlingham they are preparing for a record season, as, in addition to the usual attractions, viz., the Social Clubs' Cup, the Champion Cup, the Inter-Regimental Tournament, the County Cup, etc., the programme includes the British Olympic Cup, which is to be contested in connection with the Olympic Games at the Stadium and elsewhere.

Mr. P. O'Reilly

An Irish International, who will probably represent his country in the Olympic Cup tournament and in the annual match against England

Mr. P. W. Nickalls

The eldest of the three famous polo-playing brothers. He is the No. 3 of the Roehampton team

Teams for the Olympic Cup

For true perfection we ought, no doubt, to see India, America, and the Argentine in opposition to Great Britain in the tournament for the British Olympic Cup, but for one reason or another those countries will not take the field at Hurlingham. All the same, the tournament promises to be a complete success, as Spain is sending a representative side, France will probably compete, and Great Britain is certain to supply her full quota of five teams, the strongest and best available. To be the first four players to have their names engraven on the Olympic trophy will be a great and well-nigh imperishable honour. No wonder that two of the leading clubs are sparing no effort to get the most representative side available. According to present arrangements, the Hurlingham team will consist of Mr. R. Grenfell, Mr. F. M. Freake, Mr. W. S. Buckmaster, and the Duke of Roxburghe—a very strong, splendidly balanced team. Yet who would care to lay odds that they will beat Roehampton, seeing that this club will have its all-victorious team of 1905 and 1906 in the field once more?

Promise of a Memorable Match

Every polo man knows the excellence of the combination

A GREAT GAME IN PR

Mr. F. A. Gill

Joint manager of the polo at Ranelagh, and a popular personality with all players

Captain E. D. Miller

Manager of the Roehampton Club, and a famous player. He is a wonderful organiser, and has won great success with the clubs at Roehampton, Rugby, Ostend, and Cannes

A HARD GALL

Major A. M. Rotherham, the Irish International, has come through with the ball with characteris defensive, preparing for a backhander.

ROGRESS AT HURLINGHAM

LOP FOR BALL

istic brilliance, but Mr. W. S. Buckmaster, the foremost player of the period, is seen on the le, and he very seldom fails to clear when in this position

Captain L. C. D. Jenner

Who shares the duties of polo management at Ranelagh with Mr. Gill, and played No. 1 in the winning Champion Cup team last season

Major F. Egerton Green

The manager of the Hurlingham Club. He takes a prominent part in the administration of polo, and admirably controls the affairs of the senior club

The Inter-Regimental Final

The winning team, the 20th Hussars, comprising Captain J. S. Cawley, Mr. B. A. P. Schreiber, Captain H. C. Hessey, and Captain H. R. Lee

of Captain H. Wilson, Mr. Morres Nickalls, Mr. P. W. Nickalls, and Captain Hardress Lloyd. We are eagerly awaiting their meeting with the Hurlingham lot. It bids fair to provide a game that people will remember and talk of for many years. But Rugby may also have a word to say in the Olympic Cup. Captain Miller and his brothers are still an immense force in active polo, and if they could only get a great No. 1 like Mr. Cecil Nickalls in their team they might easily prove equal to beating the better-fancied teams. Even with the finely mounted Mr. Walter Jones their chance could not be ignored. The outlook for the Champion Cup is peculiarly interesting, as the holders, the Freebooters, have to find someone to replace Mr. Francis Grenfell, who has rejoined his regiment abroad, while the Old Cantabs, Roehampton (with the 1906 side), and Rugby are all thirsting for revenge for last season's defeats. The Inter-Regimental Tournament looks like resting between the holders, the 20th Hussars, and the 11th Hussars again; but there are many quaint surprises in Army polo, and it would be hugely popular if one of the Guards' regiments could manage at last to win the Regimental Championship.

Holders of the Champion Cup

The Freebooters, comprising Captain L. C. D. Jenner, Mr. R. Grenfell, Mr. F. O. Grenfell, and the Duke of Roxburghe

Aldershot Day and "Children's Day"

For Ranelagh it will be a busier polo season than ever before, as considerable improvements have been made in the club's newest arena, and all the four grounds will be available for play. The fixture-list simply bristles with attractions, and the joint polo managers, Mr. F. A. Gill and Captain L. C. D. Jenner, are sure to have their hands full. The other officials are Major A. M. Pirie, late of the 21st Lancers, and Captain T. E. Bayley, of the 20th Hussars, official umpires. Ranelagh's greatest day of the season will be Aldershot Day. It is the occasion of a remarkable gathering of military teams, and her Majesty the Queen has for the past two seasons graced the club with her presence on this day. Only at a club with enormous resources would such an event as Aldershot Day be possible. Hitherto the vast programme has been worked through without a hitch, and the whole thing is an immense credit to Ranelagh. Another great feature here is Children's Day, when the little ones have the grounds practically to themselves, and all the frolics and fun of childhood can be indulged in to their hearts' content. It is a charming idea, carried out with that thoroughness which is the keynote of Ranelagh's success.

The Madrid Team

Champions of the Continent, a title which they won at Ostend last year, with a side comprising M. E. de Escandon, the Duke of Santona, the Duke of Peneranda, and the Marquis de Villavieja

One of the Best Matches of the Season—Roehampton v. Rest of England: Roehampton Stop a Rush

Lords v. Commons

This will be the attraction at Ranelagh on Ascot Saturday, and in all probability we shall see the unique sight of a President of the Board of Trade leading his team on to the polo field. Mr. Winston Churchill is immensely keen on the game, and jealous of the honour of the Lower House, but he recently has had to acknowledge that the House of Lords can no more be despised in polo than in the affairs of the nation. The Duke of Roxburghe and the Duke of Westminster are the best players in the Upper House, and Mr. Churchill and Lord Wodehouse in the Commons. I am glad to observe that the Points' Cup will again be a feature of the Ranelagh season. This is a splendid scheme for promoting team play, and in spite of unfavourable weather the tournament was attended with great success last year. This club's popular established tournaments, namely, the Open Cup, the Hunt Challenge Cup, the Army Cup, the Novices' Cup, the Subalterns' Cup, and the Hunt Tournament, all find a place on a bulky programme.

Attractive Fixtures at Roehampton

It has become the custom for the best teams to play trial games at Roehampton on the eve of big tournaments and matches, and thus we find such an uncommonly attractive fixture as "England Team *v.* Rest of England" down to be played at this club on June 17. This will be a sort of trial of strength prior to England's International match with Ireland ten days later. Another great match will be "Roehampton 1906 Team *v.* Rest of England" on May 30. The Roehampton programme is strong at every point, and there are days on which no fewer than six games are set down for decision. One-day handicap tournaments, which have become so popular at this club, will again be played throughout the season. Players who have not yet earned the distinction of having their names placed on the polo "Black List"—and are quite content not to be there—are admirably catered for by the Messrs. Miller, and the Junior Championship is always one of the most successful tournaments of the year. The Public Schools' Cup, to be played in Ascot week, invariably gives us some brilliant polo, and not easily shall I forget the mighty struggle in the final tie last year between the Marlburians and the Rugbeians. The Roehampton Cup and the Ladies' Nomination Tournament are other interesting events at these grounds. Elsewhere in this issue the polo clubs announce the dates of forthcoming tournaments and matches, and all that remains for me is to wish them a summer of sunshine and success.

ARTHUR W. COATEN.

Roehampton v. Rest of England: Exciting Play Opposite the Stands

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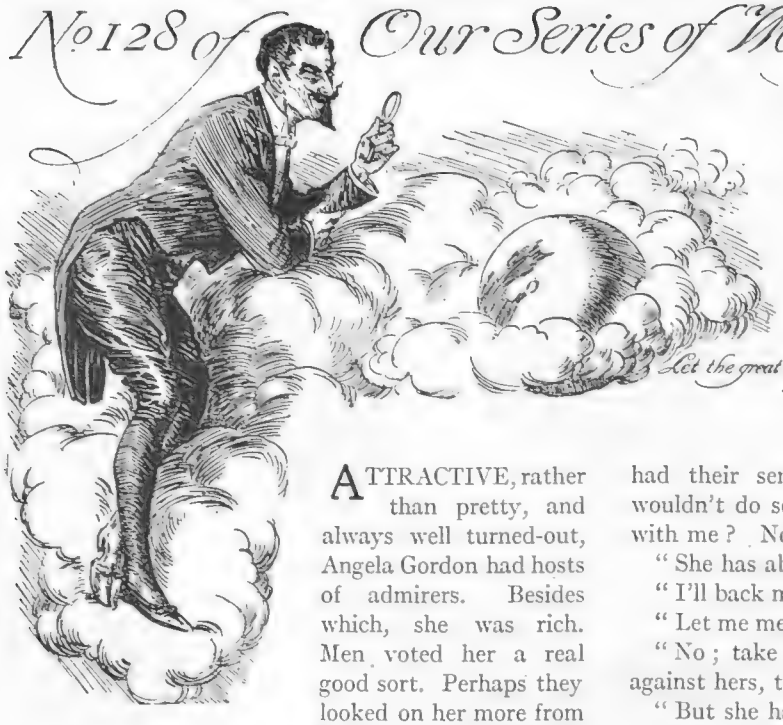

Her Sense of Humour

By MRS. RONALD MACLACHLAN

Let the great book of the world be your principal study.—Chesterfield

ATTRACTIVE, rather than pretty, and always well turned-out, Angela Gordon had hosts of admirers. Besides which, she was rich. Men voted her a real good sort. Perhaps they looked on her more from a comrade's point of view than a sentimental one. This did not prevent them from wanting to marry her. But she was loth to give up her freedom, especially as she had never been in love.

A particular friend and *protégé* of hers was Derek Colquhoun. There was a gaiety of spirit and delightful candour about the good-looking boy which appealed to her. He adored her, and told her of his love affairs, which were numerous. She had helped him to negotiate more than one awkward corner—had made him work when otherwise he would have been idle, and altogether her influence over him was a most beneficial one. He managed to go and see her most days of the week. She said the difference in their ages justified the propriety of his frequent visits—he was twelve years her junior.

One afternoon he came and solemnly announced his intention of marrying Miss Dorothy Dimples, of the Hilarity Theatre. He had not yet proposed, he said.

Angela showed no surprise.

"Sit down, Derek, and let's talk it over," she said cheerfully. "We'll put the fact of your having fallen in love on one side—'of man's life a thing apart,' you must remember—and face the matter squarely. To begin with, she paints rather badly off the stage, does she not?"

"Oh, she would drop that as my wife, of course."

"Very well. I have heard that this syren's father is in what you might call humble circumstances. He has a small baker's shop, I believe. He will be so 'floury'; and then, Derry, you and I have never really appreciated the musical intonation of the pure-bred cockney, though I believe the note is to be heard on the violin, and"—here Angela laughed outright—"think of a small family of cockney Colquhouns!"

"I wish, old girl, you hadn't such a confounded sense of humour."

"But it's my great stand-by, Derek. It has been my safeguard through life. I maintain that if women had their sense of humour more developed, they wouldn't do so many foolish things—don't you agree with me? Now for some of Dolly's advantages?"

"She has absolutely perfect ankles."

"I'll back mine against hers for slimness."

"Let me measure."

"No; take my word for it. I'll back my word against hers, too."

"But she has ripping eyes."

"You have sounded their depths. I don't get beyond the curious dark margins of those 'twin lakes.'"

"Don't rot, Angela. I am honestly in love with her."

"Then I will help you, dear boy. You must, of course, see her as often as you can. Take her out to supper every evening this week. Make no promises! Remember you are a '*parti*,' and should you change your mind, damages would be heavy—not that I am supposing you will change your mind; but I know you, Derek, and it is not the first time you've been in love."

"I am always in love with you, Angela. You are a sort of running accompaniment '—("Not a bass one, Derry?" Angela put in, with her infectious smile)—"to all my little excursions into desperate sentiment; but I always come back to you, old pal!"

"Of course, I'm a mother to you," and she put her hand kindly on the boy's broad shoulder. "But I must be off now to Madame de Fouquet's Causerie on 'Age and Its Advantages.' It's time I began to think of the future, for I feel so absurdly young that it is a sure sign I am getting old!"

"You will never get old," he said, with honest admiration in his blue eyes.

"Ah! Derek, you flatter me. It's you who help to keep me young. Ta-ta, come and see me in a week's time—not before."

Some days later Miss Gordon received the following letter:

MY DEAR OLD PAL,—It's off—more utterly off than anything has ever been before. She bores me unspeakably. She knows nothing about anything. The points of a horse or dog are quite as unknown to her as those of the compass. I took your advice and fed her each evening. Once I asked her not to get up her face. Oh! Lord, how I wished I had not! Complexion like sand-paper—light eyebrows—and somehow all the mystery and depth of her wonderful eyes had disappeared with the dark lashes. Such an undoing of "doing up" you have never beheld! I appreciate more than ever your nice clear skin, Angela, and I am awfully keen to see you again. It is extraordinary how I always come back to you with

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From Café Chantant to Grand Opera

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MME. CAVALIERI, THE ITALIAN CHANTEUSE, WHO IS APPEARING AT COVENT GARDEN

A new singer of whom great things are expected is appearing during the Opera Season which has just commenced at Covent Garden in the person of Mme. Cavalieri. She is an Italian, and though she has recently been singing with great success in various Continental cities, her first appearances were made at a comparatively recent date at Café Chantants in Rome

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renewed gusto, so to speak. But you will never let me tell you how much I really care for you, my best and dearest of friends. May I lunch Sunday, or shall I see you at Sandown Saturday? I hear Golightly is a good tip for the Rushton Stakes.—With love, ever yours, D. C.

Angela Gordon read the letter twice, because it pleased her. She answered:

Tilney Street, W.

DEAR DEREK,—Monster of infidelity! Come and dine to-morrow at 8.—Yours, ANGELA GORDON.

That evening she put on a long lace frock—transparent and chiffony—with violets tucked in her waistband and in her hair. She had a slow, graceful walk and the freshness of a girl. Derek came in high spirits, and the latest thing in white waistcoats. He slipped his arm affectionately through hers as they went into the dining-room.

He had a great deal to tell her, and she was gently sympathetic, and did not laugh at him once as she listened to him. There was an expression of almost motherly tenderness in her eyes — eyes with a fascinating droop in the corners.

After that evening his visits became more frequent. Hardly a day passed without his finding time to run in and see her on some pretext or other.

Then, without explanation, he suddenly stopped coming.

Though dismayed and perplexed as to the cause, Angela carried out her various engagements as usual. She would not write and ask what was the matter, as she wanted to do. An overpowering depression stole over the woman's spirits. She knew it was because she missed the boy. She felt it was ridiculous that she, a woman of thirty-seven, should feel so utterly lost without the companionship of a boy of twenty-five—a mere youth, and one who was always falling in love! But he invariably came back to her, said a comforting inner consciousness. She determined to pull herself up. It was too stupid. Surely—surely, *she* couldn't be falling in love! Perish the thought! And she laughed mirthlessly. Oh! where was her saving sense of humour now? The whole thing was grotesque. What could have happened to Derek? Why had he ceased coming for no apparent reason?

A few days longer, then Derek called one evening, and found Miss Gordon in, but just going out.

"Well, Derek," she said, betraying no surprise, and adopting her usual bantering tone, "who is it now?"

"Yourself, Angie—and I kept away to see if it was genuine—and it is."

She felt herself get hot, but prayed it did not show.

"Oh, I am a standing dish—sort of bread and cheese when you get tired of jam."

"Yes, you are, and bread's the staff of life, is it not? And you are the staff of my life, Angela. I can't get on without you."

"No, Derry, I am too broken a reed to lean upon," and she laughed lightly.

"Can you never take me seriously?" And he took both her wrists.

"Never," she said, turning her head to avoid his eyes.

He tried to draw her closer, but she suddenly wrenched her wrists away, and said:

"Don't be silly, Derek, or I shall have to send you away."

"You treat me as if I were a naughty child. I have seen as much of the world—more than most chaps of my age—and then you talk about sending me away; and, hang it all! you look lovely to-night, Angela! Give me your violets. They seem part of you."

Without a word she took those at her waist and handed them to him.

"No, I want those in your hair. Let me take them out."

Before she could prevent him, he put a hand tenderly on her wavy black hair, while he strove to disengage the flowers.

"Stoop down, Angie—just a little."

She bent her head and he bent his, and kissed her on the white parting.

She flushed, and jerked up her head.

"Too late, old girl, too late!" And Derek laughed triumphantly. "I scored then. I have always wanted to kiss your nice black hair; it is so jolly and crisp and sticky-out."

"Derek, I'm cross with you. You are very silly. Go home—yes, go, there's a dear boy," and she spoke seriously.

"Do you want me to go?"

"I ask you to go."

"Do you want me to go?" he repeated.

"Yes."

"Then I will," and in another minute he had slammed the door angrily and gone.

Tears were in the woman's eyes as she mechanically smoothed her hair and walked about the room altering chairs and rearranging cushions which had never been disarranged.

Then she rang the bell.

"Get me a taxi at once, please," she said to her servant.

She felt she could not be alone; she did not want to think, but without thinking she knew she had fallen in love with Derek Colquhoun. She knew, too, that it was ridiculous—almost humiliating. That evening she made up her mind to run over to France and Italy for a month or two. She must get away from Derek's blue eyes and Derek's sweet ways, and the sooner the better. She asked a nice girl friend to go with her. It was arranged they should start in a week's time.

Angela neither heard nor saw anything of Derek before they left. She had wounded him deeply, she knew, and it made her wretched. His eventual recovery was certain, and that comforted her a little.

The travellers found Paris empty, and went on to Italy. They stayed in dreamy Verona several weeks. Angela Gordon was outwardly quite cheerful—she brought all her common-sense to bear on the Derek incident, and tried hard to crush the love that was in her heart. But the glad feeling that he cared for her was always there.

One morning a letter was brought to her in Derek's writing. It had been forwarded from her town address. Her heart seemed to stand still as she tore open the envelope—then gallop on at a break-neck pace. By the time she had finished reading it she felt it was hardly beating at all.

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April's Arctic Lapse

TOBOGGANING IN MID-APRIL AT HINDHEAD, SURREY

One of the most remarkable features of the unpleasant wintry lapses we have been treated to is the sudden way in which the snow has disappeared, leaving the ground comparatively dry. For instance, on Sunday week, main roads which were covered with four inches of snow at 9 a.m. were dry and dusty before sunset, while games could, in the afternoon, be played on lawns on which snow fights had taken place in the morning

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It ran:

Isthmian Club.

My Dear Angela,—I am going to be married. This time I think even you won't say I am making a mistake. My future wife is Cynthia Delmaine. Do you remember her? Lady Clanmora's niece. She is awfully pretty, and dainty, and tricksome, and quite devoted to me! As you know, I have not always been successful in inspiring a reciprocal feeling. But I've "struck ile" this time. I want you to know her, of course. The wedding is to be quite soon, as her people are going to India. I couldn't be married without the good wishes of my old friend. Will you send them to me?—Yours ever, Derek Colquhoun.

I forgot to say she is nineteen.

A torrent of suffocating jealousy possessed Angela, despite her desperate efforts to quell it. It was as if a malignant growth clung round her heart, causing her horrible pain. Derek—he whom she could always make so happy—to belong already to another woman! He had loved her, and she had sent him away. Could life ever be the same again without his boyish laugh and vigorous step? Her extraordinary feeling of youthfulness was gone. Henceforth she would look and feel old. A vague hope had kept her going hitherto—and now there was Nothing. Wrinkles would set in, and round her eyes would be the footmarks of the Demon Crow. But she managed to write him the following letter:

My Dear Derek,—So my boy-friend is to assume the rôle of Benedict! Well, I wish him happiness from my heart. She is a lucky girl, and from what you say, evidently able to appreciate all your tender sympathy and sweet thought for those you care for. God bless you, dear Derek.—Your sincere friend, Angela Gordon.

If you will let me know when the wedding is to be, I will come back for it.

. . . . . .

Miss Gordon reached Tilney Street about a week before the event.

Derek had not been to see her, though he had written a charming acknowledgment of a very beautiful gold Bridge box which she had sent him. She was glad he had not called. The ordeal of the wedding on Saturday would be as much as she could stand.

Two nights before that day Angela was busy with some correspondence. It was late, and the servants had gone to bed. Suddenly the bell rang—a pause, and it rang again. Then she crossed the hall, her purple velvet frock trailing after her, and opened the door.

Derek stood on the step.

"May I come in?" he almost whispered, without a preliminary greeting.

"Of course," Angela replied, a great anxiety outweighing any other feeling.

He followed her into the room, and shut the door. He was very pale, and his blue eyes looked black.

"Sit down, Derek. You are ill. What is it?"

"I am not ill—only utterly, unspeakably miserable."

"Oh, my dear boy. I am so grieved"—she was all mother now—"tell me what is troubling you—what can I do?"

"You are the only person who can do anything, Angie." The old playful name stabbed her.

"There is nothing I would not do to help you, Derek—that you know. What is it?"

"It's awful—awful," and he groaned, and leant forward, covering his face with his hands. "I can't marry Cynthia—I cannot possibly. It has been gradually dawning on me that I wasn't really in love with her. Honestly, I thought I was. Directly your letter came it made me realise that you are the one woman in the world for me. Oh! Angie, help me. What shall I do?"

"You can do nothing, Derek, but go through with it." She spoke in a caressingly tender voice, though she strove to keep it cold.

"But I don't love her—and I love you."

"Oh, my dear boy, don't you see how hopelessly fickle you are? Supposing, for argument's sake, you do love me, how long would it last? Till the next girl attracted you. And supposing, again, I married you"—she lingered over the words, and repeated them—"supposing I married you, what would be our position in ten years' time? I should be forty-seven—just think—nearly fifty, and you would be quite a young man still. No, Derry, it would be so tragic that it would be almost funny. Do see that side of it! Besides, I am too selfish to spoil my own life as well as yours." She felt she could not stand her heart being wrung again. "And think, also, how dishonourable it would be to break off your engagement at the last moment. No, Derek, you don't know what you are saying. A Colquhoun has never been wanting in honour. Go back to Cynthia. I have no doubt you have had a little difference—a lovers' quarrel. Make it up, and never let her know that you have lapsed in your loyalty to her, even for a minute."

"It is all very well for you to talk like that, Angela. It is easy for you because you don't love me. I only know for an unalterable fact that I love you, and not Cynthia."

"But you did love her?"

"I thought I did, but it was only fancy, and because I was so miserable when you sent me away, and she was so nice to me—and seemed to care for me."

"Ah, Derek, don't throw away a good woman's love. Go back to her, and forget this painful interlude. I am nearly old enough to be your mother, and I certainly hope to be a godmother before long! Go back, dear old friend. Things will all seem different to-morrow," and she gently patted his arm.

"Will you kiss me once before I go—so that I have the memory of one most precious moment for all my life?"

Angela hesitated. With all her being she longed for him to fold his arms round her, not as a son, but as a lover.

"No, Derek, dear, I don't want you to have such a memory, but just be your own old obedient self, and do as I bid you! Go back to Cynthia." Her voice was not steady, and tears stood in her eyes.

"Ah, Angie, you can always do as you like with me. I will go, but I leave my heart with you. Good-bye, you sweetest of women."

"Good-bye, Derek."

. . . . . .

No one guessed Angela's secret. But the fact that she had suddenly aged provided a pleasant theme for discussion among her women-friends.

Mrs. Ronald Maclachlan.

Adoring a Dare

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MR. STANLEY BRETT AND MISS ZENA DARE IN "THE GAY GORDONS" ON TOUR

Having been gay at the Aldwych for a good many months, "The Gay Gordons" are now "a'gaying" through the provinces, with Mr. Stanley Brett in the part of the Duke of Meltrose, while Miss Zena Dare has resigned her role of Victoria Siddons to take up Miss Ella'ine Terriss's part of Peggy Quainton

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BOOKS OF THE WEEK

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"The Key of the Door." By Miss R. Ramsay. (Constable: 6s.)

For Theologians

People who are interested in theological controversies will find the critical view very ably and convincingly stated in Mr. Philip Vivian's *The Churches and Modern Thought*, a second revised edition of which is now published by Watts and Co. (6*s*.). Without necessarily agreeing with Mr. Vivian's excessive materialism, one must admit that his view is at least clear and intelligible, and calculated to stimulate thought.

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The Phenomenon of Pett Ridge

Mr. Pett Ridge is quite a distinctive figure in our literature. Few men ever had so deep a sympathy, or so distinctive a humour. He is the philosopher, *par excellence*, of slum Suburbia, and his love for the child-victims of the drabbest of all forms of city life is beautiful. In *Speaking Rather Seriously* (Hodder: 2*s*. 6*d*.) the meditative Pett Ridge is to be enjoyed to the fullest advantage. His sympathy seems to have been inspired by a share of the suffering. Pett Ridge is a type of writer whom only London could have called into being. Born in a fair land of warmth and white cities, of blue skies and green trees, wine, and song, he might never have troubled himself to be himself. There could never have been a Pett Ridge on the *boulevard* or in the *bier-garten*. His genius is of the mean street, and the back parlour, the tram-car, the public-house, the board schoolroom, the office desk, the counter—a workaday world, indeed, from which only a true genius could have extracted humour.

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Londoners and their Parks

I thank Mr. Ridge for the following delightful estimate of the Londoner's attitude towards his parks:

> Concerning Hyde Park, the general impression in many quarters seems that it is reserved for political demonstrations, and that good form would be infringed if one entered near the Marble Arch unaccompanied by a violently coloured and fiercely emblazoned banner. Haverstock Hill, a gentle ascent, has the reputation fairly possessed by the Wetterhorn; Highgate is a spot to which it is correct to go only in a conveyance led by black horses. Of Finsbury Park, the fear, that is almost a hope, seems to be that it was surely built over long ago. Victoria Park is too new, Greenwich Park too old, Blackheath is considered draughty, whilst at Peckham Rye one may encounter Tom, Dick, and Harry.

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Who Appreciates Them?

We know the disdainful attitude of the Upper Ten to other parks than Hyde; if Mr. Pett Ridge, in the above-quoted remarks, accurately states the attitude of the rest of the community, who on earth really does love our parks? But wait a minute! He tells us later—it is that scandalous alien!

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The Mystics of Manhattan

Mysticism in New York! That is the fare which Mr. R. W. Chambers places before us in his *The Tree of Heaven* (Constable: 6*s*.). Professor Westover prophesies that, in the near future, his sceptical Manhattan friends shall be mysteriously visited and horror-stricken. Each story deals with the psychic experiences which follow this—some of them distinctly creepy, others a little overdrawn. However, the contrast between the place, its people, and the things that are made to happen in it, and to them, is so pronounced as to make this a readable and distinctly original book.

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"The Druidess"

A picturesque romance of Ancient Britain, entitled *The Druidess*, by Florence Gay (Ouseley: 3*s*. 6*d*.), is to be recommended to juvenile readers. The author seems to have grasped the period, which is A.D. 577—the time of the invasion of Hengist and Horsa. The story of Ethne, the Druidess wooed by Cormac of Fail, is well worth reading. Anything which will tend to interest our youth in the early history of their own land has distinct educational value, and there are certainly not many novelists who have dared to go so far back as the Druidical days for their plots.

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Miss Ramsay's First Novel

Readers of THE BYSTANDER will be familiar with the name of Miss R. Ramsay as the clever author of a number of our Worldly Short Stories. I am, therefore, very glad to say that the promise she showed in that direction is well carried out in her first novel, *The Key of the Door* (Constable: 6*s*.). The plot, which opens itself in the very first chapter, is striking. General Rankin—a sort of "B.-P.," just returned from a war—is confronted by a handsome woman of thirty, who accuses herself of being his wife. He had, she tells him, married her when a girl, sixteen years ago. But the General denies it. He remembers no such occurrence, and the only conclusion the woman—Lady Mary—can come to is that he has lost his memory. The couple meet in Society, with the result that the General, though still oblivious of his husbandhood, falls in love with her. It would be a pity to prejudice the interest of so excellent a story as this by disclosing the sequel. I must say, however, that it is ingenious and unexpected. The drama of the thing is well sustained, and this is a novel based on a real idea, written by an author of exceptional cleverness.

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GOLF NOTES AND NOTIONS

Spring Meetings

A truly Arctic Easter it has been this year, in freezing contrast to the lovely burst of summer heat we enjoyed last year. I am not sorry that I was unable to repeat my Easter trip of last year to Sandwich, for fighting that bitter East wind down there, more particularly in foursome play, must have been a truly severe ordeal.

Captain Hutchison, who has already given evidence of being in good form in Scotland, won the Cinque Ports Gold Medal on the second day of the St. George's Meeting, but his score of some points over eighty shows that the strong, cold wind had made the conditions very difficult. On Easter Monday the players were faced by even more trying conditions, heavy showers of snow adding fresh delights to the icy wind. The Spring Scratch Medal resulted in a family tie, Mr. J. Robertson Walker, the old Middlesex cricketer, his son, and Mr. A. M. Robertson, all returning an 85. This must be practically a unique occurrence at golf, and I trust that the son showed a proper filial respect in the play off, and took a few more strokes than his respected parent. Otherwise one can well imagine a situation arising similar to that immortal passage in Mr. Archie Marshall's famous story of "Peter Binnie, Undergraduate," where the father is coxing one boat in the May races at Cambridge which is in imminent danger of being bumped by the boat which his son is stroking. At the critical moment Mr. Binnie turns round and yells at his son, "You young villain, if you bump me I shall cut you off with a shilling!" I do not vouch for the exact words, and cannot remember whether the son was paralysed by the threat, and failed to effect the bump. But I trust my old friend, Mr. Robertson Walker, won the tie by his own excellent golf, unaided by any extraneous arguments, and that the harmony of the family circle is undiminished. He had the satisfaction, in any case, of securing the Mills Cup for the best aggregate handicap score of the two days.

The Sidgwick Foursome

The famous Sidgwick Foursome Competition proved once more how excellently the handicapping department of the club does its work, for a great many of the matches, including the final, had to go to the nineteenth hole for decision. In the final Messrs. W. P. Matthews and E. F. J. Mills defeated Messrs. H. W. Forster and F. E. Dubs, the match being extraordinarily even all through, neither side being ever more than one up. This must have been quite one of the best matches, with the best-matched sides, ever seen in a Sidgwick Cup final.

A Good Time Coming?

I have just received the agenda of the business meeting of the Spring Meeting of the premier Club, which will be in process of being held when these lines appear. The most important item is the last, which is to the following effect: "That an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club be held on August 31 to consider the draft of the New Rules preliminary to their being finally disposed of at the Autumn Meeting." This motion is proposed by the Rules of Golf Committee, and confirms the report that the full Committee had not time to consider the report of their sub-committee so as to submit the draft rules to the Spring Meeting. I like the phrase "finally disposed of" in the Rules of Golf Committee's motion. It shows a fine optimistic frame of mind. But, alas, is there any finality about any code of rules of golf? Even if they were brought down by some golfing Moses from a Mount Sinai, I fear that some of the golfing tribes would pick holes in them. However, let us hope for the best, and pray that August and September next may find the Club in a good and clear legislative mood.

Meanwhile, the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, under the captaincy of Mr. J. L. Low, with Mr. Mansfield Hunter as his secretary, and a staff of doughty warriors, have had a right royal time on the greens of the distressful country.

These tours of the Society are simply invaluable, and I feel sure that wherever it goes the Society spreads the light of good fellowship and sound golf.

ERNEST LEHMANN.

Photo] **The Varlon v. Matthews Match at Rhyl: Vardon Finishing at the Eighteenth Hole** [*Magnet Studio*

The opening of the extended course at Rhyl was inaugurated by a match between Harry Vardon and A. Matthews, the local professional. The latte was in excellent form and easily beat Vardon in the first round. The ex-champion, however, was finally successful in winning by 1 up

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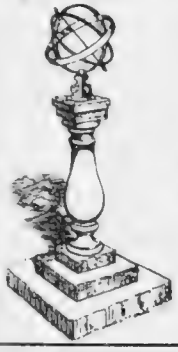

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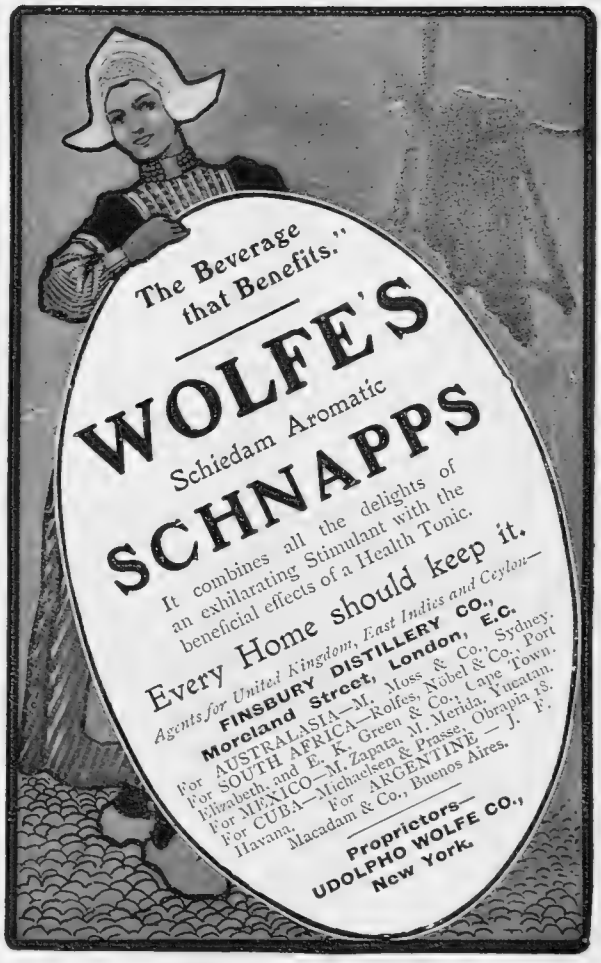

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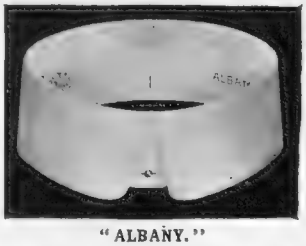

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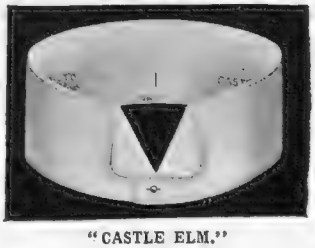

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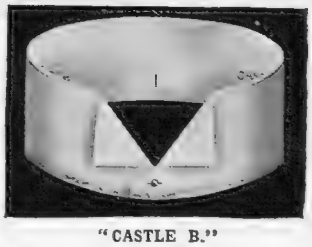

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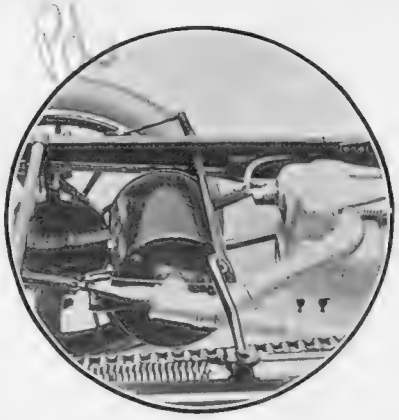

The New Reo Silencer

This silencer is of exceptionally large diameter, the end plates being fixed to the main part by four long bolts passing through its entire length, while a "cut-out" is fitted at the end of the union of the exhaust pipes, the neat junction of which should be noted

The Motor Club is nothing if not energetic. Its secretary is continually thinking of things to cheer the jaded spirits of mortals who have to endure life in a climate so remarkable for its vagaries. Thus one was not surprised to learn that the Club had acquired a block of seats for the Football Cup Final, and the temptation to be present there was not lessened by the fact that membership of the Motor Club also embraces membership of the Crystal Palace Club, so that one's inner man was assured of care and attention.

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Need I say that I succumbed? The only difficulty—my own car being on the sick-list—was how to reach the desired spot. A solution, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Graham Sharp, who placed his Reo car at my disposal, was, however, happily reached, and an enjoyable afternoon spent in spite of the elements. The Reo is truly a remarkable car. In appearance it is so elegant and finely finished that it might cost five hundred guineas, though its actual price is considerably less than half that amount. The Reo has a twin-cylinder engine, which runs so very silently that it would be most natural to suppose it carried a four-cylinder engine at least. It is extremely flexible, and I feel I am entitled to this opinion after driving in and out of the enormous amount of traffic, largely consisting of brakes and char-a-bancs, which occupy the road to the Crystal Palace on Cup Day. The Reo is an American car, is one of the most popular types in the States, where large numbers are sold, and it is only because, as is usual over there, all the parts are standardised that this very high-class car can be sold so cheaply. An 18-22 h.-p. touring car, fitted with epicyclic gear, costs but £224.

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Some very unpleasant cases have occurred recently, where hooligans driving motors have been charged with doing bodily harm to pedestrians, leaving their victims to suffer by the roadside after injuring them, and I am glad to learn that the Automobile Association have a very strong new scheme to prevent this sort of thing. One of the worst cases of hooliganism is the one at Ripley, where a poor fellow was knocked down in the small hours of the morning and found in a dying condition some hours later. As a driver has been arrested and charged with manslaughter it would be improper at this moment to discuss the matter very fully, but it is significant that in practically all such instances as have lately arisen the driver should transpire to be a paid chauffeur. My idea is that when cases of this nature occur, there is usually an explanation, and it is this: chauffeurs are far too prone to take their employers' cars out without permission. Probably few owners are aware how frequently their chauffeurs take "French leave" and borrow their cars in order to visit friends or to "cut a dash," and it is fear of being detected by their masters that leads them to hasten away after any accident when unpleasant publicity seems likely. The remedy is in the owner's hands. Any motorist who suspects his chauffeur of taking out his car without permission should dismiss him immediately. A chauffeur who does so—and his name is legion—is behaving dishonestly by defrauding his employer, and should be punished in the most rigorous fashion.

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The Duke of Westminster has been bitten

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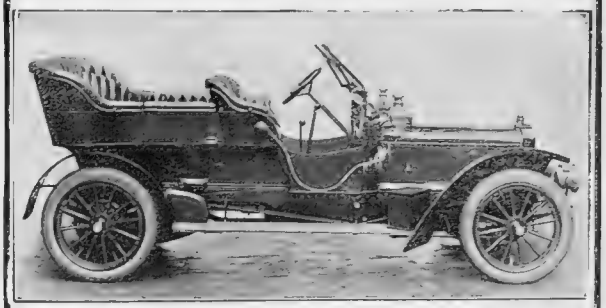

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by the growing craze for motor-boat racing, after having enjoyed the sensation of flying through the water at thirty-five miles an hour. The amount of enthusiasm and interest which the recent races in the Mediterranean caused to those who were there was, I am told, quite exceptional. The Duke of Westminster was so keen that after the Monaco and Nice meetings he went on to Palermo to see the race for "the Pearl of the Mediterranean" Trophy. Following the victory of the Wolseley-Siddeley boat there, he purchased her, and will race her himself in all the important races in the Solent during the coming season, including the Olympic Games, as well as in the race for the British International Trophy on the Hudson River.

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Last week-end was a memorable one in the history of the *Enchantress*, and the little band of members who were on board had a unique experience. Only those who were on the South Coast on Saturday last can realise the extraordinary severity of the snow-storm which raged from the early morning till late in the afternoon. By nine o'clock the ship was covered with over a foot of snow, which in sheltered spots drifted into banks three or four feet in depth. In spite of the extraordinary external conditions, which naturally rendered outdoor amusements impossible, the members' quarters were warm and comfortable, and by general consent the week-end was voted at least as pleasant as any that could have been spent ashore. During the week-end the new telephone cable connecting the ship with the local exchange was in constant use, and its advantage and convenience were well illustrated. The result of the Manchester election was known on board shortly after 10.30 p.m. on Friday, and early intelligence was received on Saturday of the terrible catastrophe off Yarmouth. Members on board the *Enchantress* had watched the *St. Paul* steaming down Southampton Water in the morning, and her return at dead slow speed a few hours later gave the first indication to those on board that something serious had occurred.

COMYNS BEAUMONT.

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Miscellanea

Brooklands Club have a good programme for their next meeting on Saturday, May 9. Let's hope it won't snow!

The Brooklands Easter Meeting proved, as usual, a great success for Continental Tyres, no less than six cars fitted with these tyres being placed, and one-third of all prizes given were awarded to cars fitted with Continentals.

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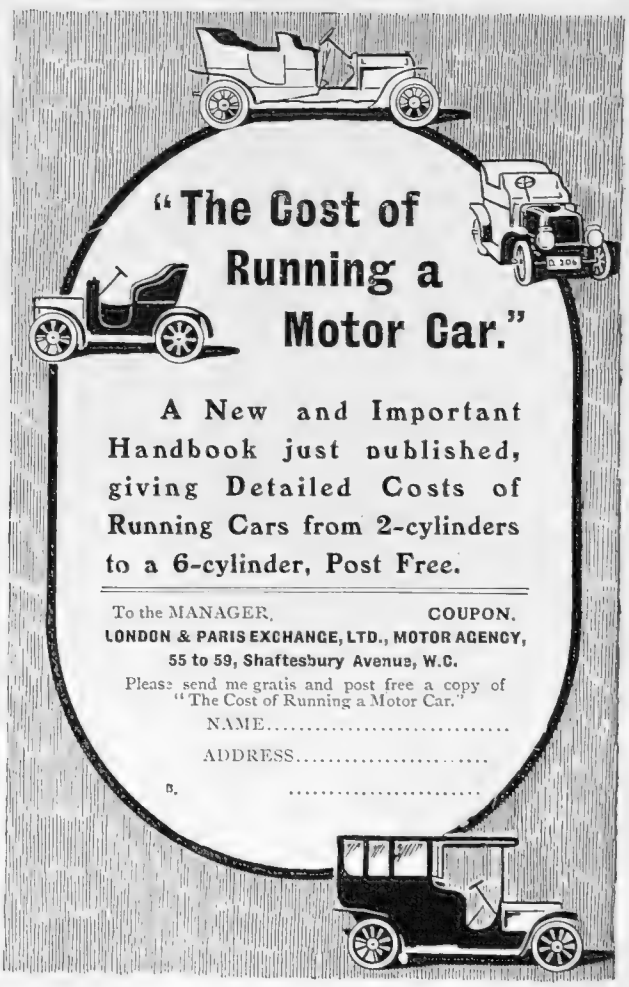

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RACING NOTIONS

THE "GUINEAS." By CARBINE

Father Blind's Double

Ten to one winners have not been easy to find this season—they never are, for that matter—and it was some satisfaction for the contributor of THE BYSTANDER's racing notions to see Father Blind simply canter away with the Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom. His victory had been anticipated in these pages, and the reason why his supporters got such an excellent price was because the majority of people were dashing boldly on Glacis, forgetting or ignoring the fact that he is one of the most unreliable brutes in training.

Dean Swift Again

On the City and Suburban Day, Father Blind's success ought to have reminded us of the familiar theory of "horses for courses," which is never so frequently borne out as at Epsom. We who had got to know from an authoritative source of the great things which Desmond's Pride had done in her trial ought to have remembered that Dean Swift was running over his favourite battle-ground. But there can only be one winner, and those "in the know" about Desmond's Pride were sufficiently confident. They did not anticipate defeat, so well had the mare been galloped by Mr. Peebles. Thus her dramatic collapse in the race came as a terrible disappointment. Dean Swift's win, however, was a fine performance, and the crowd on the course did not forget to cheer a horse who has become quite as popular as Bendigo and Victor Wild were.

Photo *Sport and General*

Dean Swift Wins the City and Suburban

After the atrocious weather of the first day of the Epsom Spring Meeting, tremendous crowds witnessed Dean Swift's unexpected victory in the City and Suburban on Wednesday last, in beautiful summer-like weather. Simonson and Desmond's Pride led to Tattenham Corner, but Mr. J. B. Joel's champion got through on the rails, and ultimately won with something to spare

Two Thousand Guineas

And now the great question is, will the King's colt win the Two Thousand Guineas? And having won this race, will he go on and win the Derby? At present there seems to be every possibility of Perrier bringing off this double event. His chance of winning Wednesday's race is particularly roseate, yet there are several things which will make it a very interesting affair. For example, nobody knows as yet which is the best three-year-old in Mr. Atty Persse's stable at Russley. This successful trainer has three possible competitors for the Two Thousand, Royal Realm and White Eagle being the property of Mr. Hall Walker, while Sir Archibald belongs to Mr. Basset. These three colts have never been tried together, and it is quite possible that the best of them may prove dangerous to Perrier. A few weeks ago I heard, on pretty good authority, that White Eagle would not only prove to be the best of Mr. Walker's three-year-olds, but would win the Derby! Since then the report is that Royal Realm has been doing the better of the two in their gallops. In view of this conflicting evidence, it will be as well to leave them both alone for the moment.

The Duke's Luck

It always seems to me that in racing good luck and bad run in cycles; the Duke of Portland has certainly experienced both sorts, and now it is about time that his bad cycle ended. Can it be that he is destined to win a classic race with Primus, a colt who was not reckoned of much account last season, but has made big improvement since then. Primus ran well enough in a trial at Kingsclere last week to justify us in expecting him to figure prominently in next Wednesday's race. Still, I cannot believe that he will beat the Royal colt, and my selection is **Perrier**, with PRIMUS for a place.

The Best of the Fillies

In some respects the One Thousand is even more interesting this year than the first of the classic races. Lesbia was acknowledged to be the best two-year-old of 1907, yet she has not grown since last autumn, and was always unusually small. It may be, therefore, that as a three-year-old she will be outstridden by a splendid filly like Bracelet, who quite infatuated us by her display at Kempton Park; or by a brilliant creature like Rhodora, who can go like the wind when she likes. Still, it would be absurd to ignore the grand performances last season of Sir Daniel Cooper's filly, and it will be a surprise if **Lesbia** meets with her first defeat. I think the second and third places may be filled by Bracelet and Courtesy. In the March Stakes we are promised one of the best races of the season, as Woolwinder and Galvani are both engaged, as well as Polar Star, Malua, etc., over this course. My faith is with **Galvani.**

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House of Lords *v.* Royal Horse Guards
Mon. 4. Beavers *v.* Hurlingham
"The Americans" *v.* Hurlingham
Tues. 5. Arcadians *v.* Hurlingham
Elvaston *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 6. Magpies (B) *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 7. Eaton *v.* Hurlingham
Sat. 9. Rugby *v.* Hurlingham
2nd Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham
Mon. 11. Freebooters *v.* Tigers
Tues. 12. 1st Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham
Arcadians *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 13. Rugby *v.* Hurlingham
Magpies (A) *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 14. Roehamptom *v.* Hurlingham
2nd Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham (at Datchet)
Sat. 16. Old Cantabs *v.* Freebooters
Moonlighters *v.* Elvaston
Mon. 18. Social Clubs Tournament
Tues. 19. Social Clubs Tournament
Magpies (A) *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 20. Old Cantabs *v.* Roehampton
Parthians *v.* Queen's Bays
Thurs. 21. Social Clubs (Semi-Final)
Eaton *v.* Hurlingham
Hurlingham *v.* Ranelagh (at Ranelagh)
Sat. 23. **Social Clubs (Final)**
Magpies (B) *v.* Royal Horse Guards
Sun. 24. **Concert (Evening)**
Mon. 25. Tally-ho *v.* Hurlingham
Beavers *v.* Hurlingham
Tues. 26. Tigers *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 27. Rugby *v.* Freebooters
Mulgrave House *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 28. House of Commons *v.* Hurlingham
Sat. 30. Roehampton *v.* Hurlingham
Magpies (A) *v.* Royal Horse Guards
International Balloon Contest
Sun. 31. **Concert (Evening)**

JUNE

Mon. 1. Tally-ho *v.* Moonlighters
Magpies (B) *v.* Beavers
Tues. 2. Tigers *v.* Magpies (A)
Wed. 3. Elvaston *v.* Hurlingham
Old Cantabs *v.* Rugby

JUNE

Thurs. 4. Ranelagh *v.* Hurlingham
House of Commons *v.* "The Americans"
Sat. 6. Woodpeckers *v.* Freebooters
Moonlighters *v.* Parthians
Polo Pony and Hack Show
VOCAL CONCERT
Sun. 7. **Concert (Evening)**
Mon. 8. **Champion Cup (Ties)**
Tues. 9. **Champion Cup (Ties)**
Wed. 10. Royal Horse Guards *v.* Hurlingham
House of Lords *v.* Madrid
Thurs. 11. **Champion Cup (Semi-Finals)**
Sat. 13. **Champion Cup (Final)**
1st Life Guards *v.* Madrid
Hurlingham *v.* Roehampton (at Roehampton)
CINEMATOGRAPH DISPLAY
Sun. 14. CONCERT
Mon. 15. Arcadians *v.* "The Americans"
Tues. 16. Parthians *v.* Cirencester
Wed. 17. Eaton *v.* Hurlingham
Mulgrave House *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 18. Magpies (A) *v.* Hurlingham
Sat. 20. **British Olympic Cup**
Arcadians *v.* Hurlingham
2nd Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham (at Datchet)
Musical Ride and Cavalry Display
VOCAL CONCERT and ENTERTAINER
Sun. 21. **Concert (Evening)**
Mon. 22. Beavers *v.* Cirencester
Tues. 23. House of Lords *v.* Magpies (B)
Wed. 24. Royal Horse Guards *v.* Moonlighters
Queen's Bays *v.* Madrid
Balloon Contest (Rolls Trophy)
Thurs. 25. House of Commons *v.* Cirencester
Sat. 27. **England** *v.* **Ireland**
Mulgrave House *v.* Hurlingham
Gymkhana and Victoria Cross Race
Epée Club's Fencing Competition
Pyrotechnic Display, Ground specially illuminated
Sun. 28. **Concert (Evening)**
Mon. 29. **Inter-University Match: Oxford** *v.* **Cambridge**
Tally-ho *v.* Hurlingham
Tues. 30. Madrid *v.* Cirencester
Inter-Regimental Tournament (Semi-Final)

JULY

Wed. 1. **Inter-Regimental Tournament (Semi-Final)**
Thurs. 2. Travellers *v.* Hurlingham
Hurlingham Club Ball
Sat. 4. **Inter-Regimental Tournament (Final)**
Madrid *v.* "The Americans"
Daylight Fireworks
Venetian Fete
The D'Amato Troupe of Neapolitan Singers
Sun. 5. **Concert (Evening)**
Mon. 6. Beavers *v.* Hurlingham
Magpies (B) *v.* Hurlingham
Tues. 7. **County Cup (Semi-Final)**
Tigers *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 8. **County Cup (Semi-Final)**
1st Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 9. House of Commons *v.* Hurlingham
Moonlighters *v.* Cirencester
Sat. 11. **County Cup (Final)**
Magpies (A) *v.* Arcadians
2nd Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham (at Datchet)
Balloon Contest (Hedges-Butler Challenge Cup)
Rose Show
Vocal Concert and Entertainer
Sun 12. **Concert (Evening)**
Mon. 13. Handicap Tournament
Tues. 14. Handicap Tournament
Queen's Bays *v.* Mulgrave House
Wed. 15. Royal Horse Guards *v.* Hurlingham
Parthians *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 16. Cirencester *v.* Hurlingham
Sat. 18. **Handicap Tournament (Final)**
"The Americans" *v.* Hurlingham
Balloon Contest (Hon. Mrs. Harbord's Cup)
Mon. 20. Parthians *v.* Hurlingham
Tues. 21. 1st Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham
2nd Life Guards *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 22. Royal Horse Guards *v.* Hurlingham
Travellers *v.* Hurlingham
Thurs. 23. House of Commons *v.* Queen's Bays
Sat. 25. Parthians *v.* Hurlingham
Mulgrave House *v.* Hurlingham
Epée Club's Fencing Competition
Mon. 27. Etceteras *v.* Cavalry Club
Tues. 28. Public Schools *v.* Hurlingham
Wed. 29. An Oxford Team *v.* Hurlingham
Wanderers *v.* Hurlingham

FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS, including the Annual Visit of the Four-in-hand and Coaching Clubs, will be made as the Season progresses. Any such arrangements will be duly ADVERTISED in the *MORNING POST*. The above Programmes are subjected to any alterations that the Committee may deem advisable.

BALLOON CONTESTS.

INTERNATIONAL BALLOON RACE	**SATURDAY, MAY 30th.**
ROLLS TROPHY	**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24th.**
HEDGES-BUTLER CHALLENGE CUP	**SATURDAY, JULY 11th.**
HON. MRS. HARBORD'S CUP	**SATURDAY, JULY 18th.**

CROQUET

INTER-COUNTY CROQUET TOURNAMENT, June 1st to 6th.

THE CLUB CROQUET TOURNAMENT, for Members of Hurlingham Club and Relations nominated by Members, will be held on **Monday, June 8, 1908,** and following days.

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT, open to all Members of the Croquet Association and to Members of the Hurlingham Club, will be held on **Monday, June 15, 1908,** and following days.

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT (same conditions as above), **August 3rd—8th.**

BAND ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER EVENTS.

The Band of His Majesty's Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) will perform on Saturdays from May 16 to the end of the Season, from 4 to 6.30 p.m.

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(Subject to Alterations and Additions)

MAY

Fri. 1. Members' Games
Sat. 2. The Americans *v.* Roehampton
Magpies (B) *v.* Roehampton
Mon. 4. **Roehampton v. Eaton**
Members' Croquet Tournament Commences
Freebooters *v.* Old Cantabs
Wed. 6. **Roehampton v. Freebooters**
Old Cantabs v. Rugby
Parthians *v.* Roehampton
Moonlighters *v.* Roehampton
Thurs. 7. Handicap Tournament
Sat. 9. **Roehampton v. Old Cantabs**
Royal Horse Guards *v.* Roehampton
Swillington *v.* Roehampton
Magpies (A) *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Rugby *v.* Hurlingham (at Hurlingham)
Mon. 11. Old Cantabs *v.* Eaton
Roehampton *v.* Ranelagh (at Ranelagh)
Wed. 13. Royal Horse Guards *v.* Roehampton
Tally Ho *v.* Roehampton
Aldershot Polo Club *v.* Roehampton
Queen's Bays *v.* Roehampton
Brigade of Guards *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Rugby *v.* Hurlingham (at Hurlingham)
Thurs. 14. Roehampton *v.* Hurlingham (at Hurlingham)
Handicap Tournament
Sat. 16. **Roehampton v. Rugby**
1st Life Guards *v.* Roehampton
The Americans *v.* Roehampton
Greenjackets *v.* Roehampton
Tally Ho *v.* Roehampton
Mon. 18. The Americans *v.* Tiverton
Peel Memorials Croquet Tournament Commences
White's Club *v.* Roehampton
Tues. 19. Tally Ho *v.* 2nd Life Guards (at Windsor)
Wed. 20. **Freebooters v. Rugby**
Royal Horse Guards *v.* Magpies (B)
Swillington *v.* Roehampton
Madrid *v.* Roehampton
Roehampton *v.* Old Cantabs (at Hurlingham)
Roehampton *v.* Worcester Park (at Worcester Park)
Thurs. 21. Handicap Tournament
Sat. 23. **Freebooters v. Roehampton**
1st Life Guards *v.* Queen's Bays
Moonlighters *v.* 2nd Life Guards
Madrid *v.* Roehampton
Mon. 25. **Old Cantabs v. Rugby**
Parthians *v.* Madrid
Roehampton *v.* Ranelagh (at Ranelagh)
Wed. 27. **Roehampton v. Old Cantabs**
The Americans *v.* Tiverton
Tally Ho *v.* Aldershot Polo Club
Queen's Bays *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Rugby *v.* Freebooters (at Hurlingham)
Thurs. 28. Handicap Tournament
Eaton *v.* Woodpeckers
Madrid *v.* 2nd Life Guards (at Windsor)
Sat. 30. **Roehampton 1906 Team v. Rest of England**
1st Life Guards *v.* Roehampton
Madrid *v.* Roehampton
Magpies (B) *v.* Roehampton
Greenjackets *v.* Roehampton
Roehampton *v.* Hurlingham (at Hurlingham)
Band 2nd Dragoon Guards

JUNE

Mon. 1. **Freebooters v. Old Cantabs**
Rugby *v.* Roehampton
Tues. 2. The Americans *v.* 2nd Life Guards (at Windsor)
Wed. 3. **Derby Day**
Roehampton v. Handley Cross
Swillington *v.* Roehampton
Madrid *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Rugby *v.* Old Cantabs (at Hurlingham)
Entries close for Champion Cup (at Hurlingham)
Thurs. 4. Handicap Tournament
Madrid *v.* Brigade of Guards (at Wimbledon)
Sat. 6. **Roehampton v. Old Cantabs**
Magpies (A) v. Roehampton
The Americans *v.* Tally Ho
Queen's Bays *v.* Roehampton
Band 16th Lancers
Mon. 8. **Madrid v. Roehampton**
Parthians *v.* Roehampton
Members' Croquet Tournament Commences
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Tues. 9. Moonlighters *v.* 2nd Life Guards (at Windsor)
Wed. 10. 1st Life Guards *v.* Greenjackets
The Americans *v.* Roehampton
Queen's Bays *v.* Roehampton
Brigade of Guards *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Roehampton *v.* Worcester Park (at Worcester Park)
Entries close for Public Schools' Cup
Thurs. 11. Handicap Tournament
Fri. 12. GYMKHANA
Band 16th Lancers
Sat. 13. **Hurlingham v. Roehampton**
Royal Horse Guards *v.* Roehampton
Moonlighters *v.* Roehampton
Tally Ho *v.* Roehampton
Parthians *v.* Roehampton
Band 2nd Dragoon Guards
Mon. 15. **Public Schools' Cup 1st Ties**
Wed. 17. **England Team v. Rest of England**
Moonlighters *v.* Greenjackets
Swillington *v.* Roehampton
Madrid *v.* Roehampton
Worcester Park *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Entries close for Junior Championship
Band 21st Lancers
Thurs. 18. Handicap Tournament
Sat. 20. **Public Schools' Cup Final**
1st Life Guards *v.* Roehampton
The Americans *v.* Roehampton
Tiverton *v.* Madrid
Queen's Bays *v.* Roehampton
Worcester Park *v.* Roehampton
Band 2nd Dragoon Guards
Mon. 22. **Junior Championship Ties**
Championships Croquet Tournament Commences
Tues. 23. **Junior Championship Ties**
Madrid *v.* 2nd Life Guards (at Windsor)
Wed. 24. Entries close for Roehampton Cup
Thurs. 25. **Junior Championship Ties**
Madrid *v.* Brigade of Guards (at Wimbledon)
Fri. 26. POLO AND RIDING PONY SOCIETY'S THIRD ANNUAL SHOW
Band 21st Lancers

JUNE

Sat. 27. **Junior Championship Final**
Royal Horse Guards *v.* Eaton
Tally Ho *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Band 16th Lancers
Mon. 29. **Roehampton Cup Ties**
Tues. 30. **Roehampton Cup Ties**

JULY

Wed. 1. Entries close for Ladies' Nomination Tournament
Thurs. 2. **Roehampton Cup Ties**
Roehampton *v.* Brigade of Guards (at Wimbledon)
Sat. 4. **Roehampton Cup Final**
Royal Horse Guards *v.* Moonlighters
Eaton *v.* Roehampton
Greenjackets *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Band 21st Lancers
Mon. 6. **Challenge Cups Croquet Tournament Commences**
Ladies' Nomination Tournament Ties
Tues. 7. **Ladies' Nomination Tournament Ties**
Wed. 8. **Ladies' Nomination Tournament Ties**
Thurs. 9. **Ladies' Nomination Tournament Ties**
Sat. 11. **Ladies' Nomination Tournament Final**
Magpies (B) *v.* Tiverton
1st Life Guards *v.* Tally Ho
Brigade of Guards *v.* Roehampton
Queen's Bays *v.* Greenjackets
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Band 2nd Dragoon Guards
Mon. 13. **Rugby v. Handley Cross**
Greenjackets *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Wed. 15. Eaton *v.* Roehampton
2nd Life Guards *v.* Tiverton
Swillington *v.* Tally Ho
Parthians *v.* Aldershot Polo Club
Magpies (B) *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Thurs. 16. Handicap Tournament
Sat. 18. Royal Horse Guards *v.* Queen's Bays
Woodpeckers *v.* Eaton
Moonlighters *v.* Tally Ho
Tiverton *v.* 1st Life Guards
Brigade of Guards *v.* Roehampton
Moreton Morrell *v.* Roehampton
Mon. 20. **Woodpeckers v. Greenjackets**
Moonlighters *v.* Queen's Bays
Wed. 22. Tally Ho *v.* Roehampton
Tiverton *v.* Roehampton
Parthians *v.* Roehampton
Greenjackets *v.* Roehampton
Thurs. 23. Handicap Tournament
Sat. 25. **Greenjackets v. Roehampton**
Moonlighters *v.* Parthians
Woodpeckers *v.* Roehampton
Tally Ho *v.* Queen's Bays
Magpies (A) *v.* 1st Life Guards

AUGUST

Mon. 10. **Champion Cup Croquet Tournament Commences**

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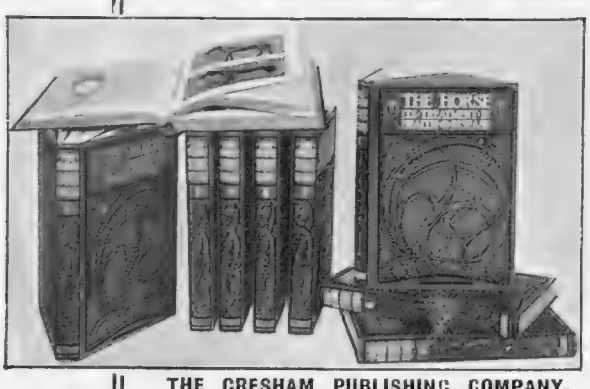

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GAMES & PASTIMES

The Army Rugby Cup Final

Lieut. Wilson, captain of the 1st Leicester Regiment Team, makes a fine run in the match against the 1st Welsh Regiment

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The Army Rugby Cup Final

About the last important Rugby match of the season was the final of the Army Cup, which was played at Aldershot on Wednesday last, having been postponed from the previous Saturday. It is not often, by the way, that a rugger match has to be put off on account of snow, hail, etc., in April. The competing teams were the first battalion the Welsh Regiment and the first battalion the Leicestershire Regiment. The former started with the wind in their favour, but, thanks in a great measure to the excellent defence of Corporal Kitchen at back for the Leicesters, could only register a dropped goal, by Private Reed, before half time. Then came Leicester's turn, and a fine "corkscrew" run by Lieut. Clark resulted in a try, which was easily converted by Corporal Pepper. Nothing further was scored, and a close game ended in a win for the Leicesters by a point (5 to 4).

RACQUETS AND LAWN TENNIS

The Olympiad Opens

The Olympic Games can hardly be said to have commenced in a whirl of excitement. The racquets, which at Queen's Club last week formed the first item on the long and comprehensive—some people say too comprehensive—programme arranged by the British Olympic Council, apart from the fact that they attracted no foreign entries, lacked even the saving grace of being thoroughly representative of England's prowess at the game, for the Amateur Champion, E. M. Baerlein, to name the most prominent of several absentees, was not competing, while E. B. Noel, the winner of the Singles, had a walk-over in the final. To-day the Covered Courts Lawn Tennis Competitions, also at Queen's Club, are starting, and here again it is not exactly easy to enthuse. We were almost promised that the Dohertys would emerge from their semi-seclusion for the occasion; but "R. F." is still under medical orders to abstain from hard play, and "H. L." seems to have succumbed to the fascinations of his new love, golf. He has wooed her with such success that one can hardly blame him. It is pretty clear that in gauging the strength of England in future for International purposes the Dohertys must be left out of the count. Fortunately, we can still muster a "thin red line of 'eroes" without them, veterans it may be, or nearly so, but still an efficient fighting force. And the lawn tennis is better off than the racquets in this respect that foreign opposition is forthcoming. Sweden, which, perhaps, possesses the finest covered court in the world, is, fittingly enough, sending her best representatives of both sexes. They have proved themselves distinctly formidable against English players at Stockholm; here they will be playing amid strange surroundings and under conditions which may not happen to suit them, but, at any rate, they are to be commended for coming.

An Irregular Proceeding

There are two other entries on the list which are not really entries at all. They are A. F. Wilding and L. O. S. Poidevin, both described as representing Australasia. By the

Photos] The Army Rugby Cup Won by 1 Point: The Leicesters Get the Ball and Pass Out [*Sport and General*

Postponed from Saturday week, owing to the snow, to Wednesday, the 29th ult., when quite summerlike weather prevailed, the final for the Army Rugby Cup attracted a great crowd of spectators at Aldershot. The game was a well-contested one, the Leicestershire Regiment winnng by a placed goal (5 points) to a dropped goal (4 points)

rules regulating the Olympic contests as a whole all entries have to be made by and through the Association which governs the particular branch of sport, for which the entry is made, in the country to which the entrant belongs. I wish Wilding and Poidevin had been nominated by their governing body, but I happen to know that they were not. If they were nominated at all they were nominated by the English Association, and I have yet to learn that the English Association has power to nominate representatives of countries other than England. Moreover, even assuming that the English Association has such power, I happen to know further that it was not exercised within the prescribed time. The entries closed on April 28, and, at the time of closing, the Swedes were the only foreign entries received. The names of Wilding and Poidevin were pitchforked into the draw, which took place at Queen's Club on the afternoon of April 29, in spite of the fact that entries had closed *the day before*. I do not know who is responsible for this amazing indiscretion — to use the politest term which I can think of; but I am glad to learn that on more mature reflection the committee of management have decided that the two Australians are not entitled to compete. This is satisfactory so far as it goes; but the further question arises—ought they not, having come to this decision, to have made a fresh draw? Possibly they may have done so by the time these words appear in print, but at the time of writing the draw for the Singles has been made and published with the names of the two Australians in it. Is it a proper draw according to the regulations governing the competition? I submit that it is not, and that it is open to any of the interested parties to claim to have a proper draw made, and to impugn the legality of the whole competition unless this is done. In the other competition, the Doubles, it was fully intended in the first instance to draw the names of Wilding and Poidevin, but by a fortunate oversight they got left out, so that the Doubles draw is all in order—by accident. In fact, a pretty considerable muddle has been made of the whole business.

Photo *Sport and General*

A Potential Lawn Tennis Champion

Kenneth Powell, one of the most-talked-of men in lawn tennis circles, is a Cambridge Blue, already well known as a hurdler, footballer, and racquet player.—At Queen's last week he lost to A. W. Gore, but only after a very stiff fight

A Potential Champion

The most-talked-of man in lawn tennis circles at the present time is the Cambridge Blue, Kenneth Powell, better known to fame, at present at any rate, as a hurdler. No doubt Powell has a good way to go before he reaches the top of the tree, if he ever does; but he has certainly given encouraging signs of his ability to get there. His defeat of A. W. Gore at the Stockholm Covered Court Championships was, perhaps, a bit of a fluke, and at their second meeting, in the English Championship at Queen's last week, Gore had his revenge, but he had to bustle all the time and play his best in order to win. Powell is a left-handed player, with a very useful service and a hard forehand drive with "top" on it. He volleys and smashes extremely well, and only needs a little more control over his backhand shots off the ground to be "good everywhere." He has, moreover, got the necessary physique and, I fancy, the right temperament.

A Grilling Day at Queen's

The coming champion on the ladies' side, Miss Eastlake Smith (who, by the way, is to be married on the 13th to Dr. Henry Wharram Lamplough, of Alverstoke), has not yet conquered an unfortunate propensity to play badly when it is essential that she should be playing well. She was suffering from it on Saturday, when she unsuccessfully defended her title to the Covered Court Championship against Mrs. Lambert Chambers, who resigned the title last year and has now regained it. However, due allowance must be made for the extreme heat. Saturday was no day for covered court play. In the Men's Doubles Championship (also concluded on Saturday) the holders, M. J. G. Ritchie and A. F. Wilding, were again successful, after a tight match with A. W. Gore and another well-known player, whose identity was veiled under the pseudonym of "Seer." Wilding, though feeling very shaky from the effects of a severe chill, played quite well; but if the match had run to five sets, as it nearly did, I fancy the other couple would have won, for at the end of the fourth set he seemed to be finding it a bit hard to "keep going."

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Surrey's New and Newly Married Captain

Mr. H. D. Leveson-Gower, known to his intimates as "Shrimp," who has just married Miss Enid Hammond Chambers. In his first match of the season at the Oval at Easter he met with an injury to his hand

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PRINCIPAL FIXTURES, 1908.

MAY.

4	Mon.	Handicap Tournament commences.
9	Sat.	Finals of the Handicap Tournament.
11	Mon.	Hunt Challenge Cup commences.
16	Sat.	Final of the Hunt Challenge Cup.
25	Mon.	Army Cup commences.
28	Thurs.	Semi-Finals of the Army Cup.
30	Sat.	Final of the Army Cup. Driving Competition.

JUNE.

2	Tues.	Archery Meeting.
3	Wed. (Derby Day.)	Archery Meeting.
8	Mon.	Novices' Cup commences.
11	Thurs.	Semi-Finals of the Novices' Cup.
13	Sat.	Final of the Novices' Cup. Oxford Fencing *v.* Epée Club. (Annual Match) Pony Gymkhana and Ladies' Sports.
20	Sat.	House of Lords *v.* House of Commons. (Annual Match) Military Sports.
22	Mon.	Ranelagh Open Cup commences.
23	Tues.	Ties of the Ranelagh Open Cup.

JUNE.

24	Wed.	Ranelagh Hound Show.
25	Thurs.	Semi-Finals of the Ranelagh Open Cup.
27	Sat.	Final of the Ranelagh Open Cup. Ranelagh Horse and Polo Pony Show.
29	Mon.	Croquet Tournament commences.

JULY.

2	Thurs.	Aldershot Day.
4	Sat.	Meet of Stage Coaches.
6	Mon.	Ranelagh Subalterns' Cup commences.
8	Wed.	Children's Day. Semi-Finals of the Country Clubs' Junior Championship.
9	Thurs.	Semi-Finals of the Ranelagh Subalterns' Cup.
11	Sat.	Final of the Ranelagh Subalterns' Cup. Final of the Country Clubs' Junior Championship. Pool held by the Epée Club for the Desborough Cup. Pony Gymkhana.
13	Mon.	Hunt Tournament commences.
18	Sat.	Final of the Hunt Tournament. Polo Pony Races.

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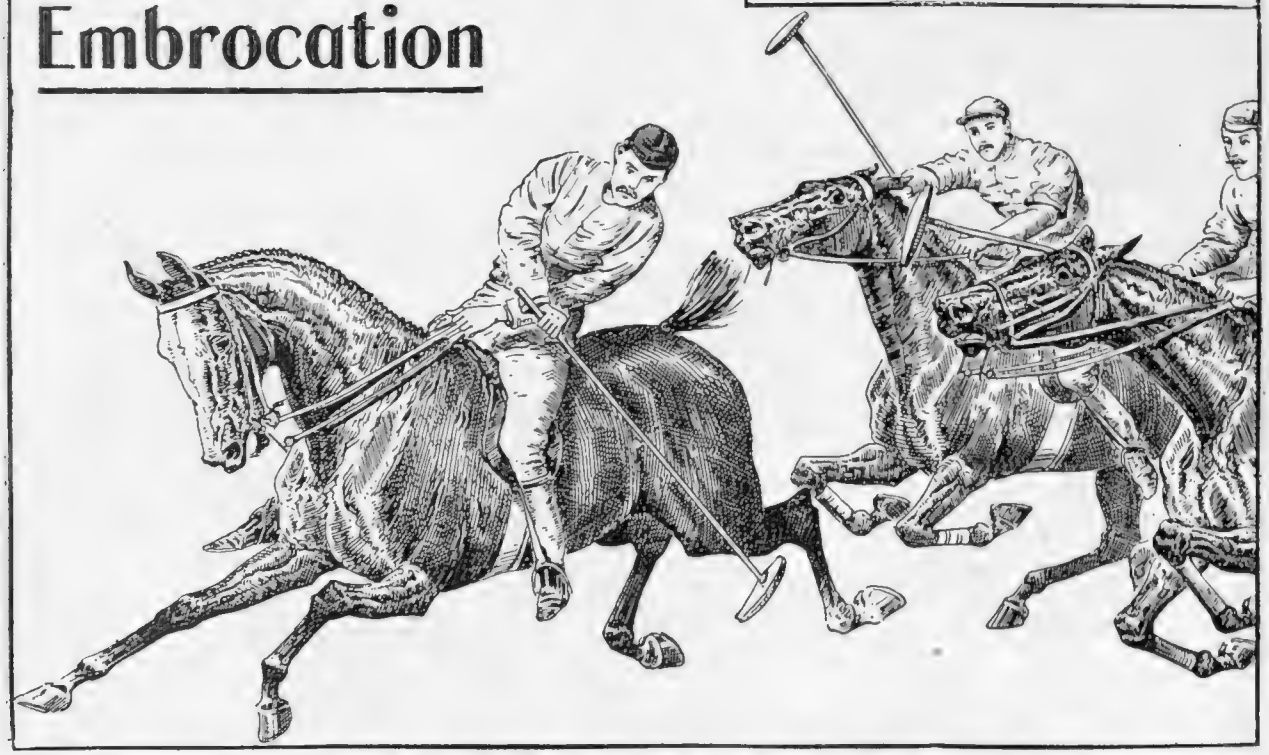

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FROCKS, FRILLS, AND FURBELOWS

By MRS. JACK MAY

The world, I observe, is exhaustively busy just now, two-thirds working at work, and one-third working at pleasure. Meanwhile, the shopping community necessarily remains unhappy, since Old Moore has once again predicted atmospheric unpleasantnesses. It is a physical impossibility to recognise the presence of Madame La Mousseline when we all shiver in furs. And it is so bad for our furs, too, to wear them nine months on end.

Apropos of furs, it may be of interest to some of my readers to learn that sealskin will, in all probability, be the leading pelt next season. So say one or two of the big authorities, who may, of course, have their own particular and private reasons for forcing this fancy to the fore. On the other hand, it may be entirely due to the perfection to which seal musquash has been brought. Or, again, the rigid determination that obtains to develop braid decorations may be the more direct influence, seal being a short-haired fur, and, therefore, amenable to such form of treatment. The thought has frequently come to me how this braid application to fur is rather akin to painting the lily white.

But, fortunately, it is none of my business to arrange these and many other affairs, my utmost privilege, apart from chronicling, being to criticise.

Voyant Coloured Gants

Here, once again, I take much comfort to myself that I am not responsible. Gloves *ensuite* with gowns are assuredly on the right road to secure popular approval. And the adjective is used with full intent. Already are all the Saxe and Japan blues well represented, together with several of the sorrel and almond greens. Purple, too, is not wholly conspicuous by its absence.

I sat next to two Hebraic ladies at the theatre the other night who had each matched her gloves to the relieving note of colour in her demi-toilette blouse, the one wearing a light shade of blue and the other a currant-red. And this small incident exemplifies rather neatly the sort of popularity already attained by these *voyant* coloured gloves.

Perhaps, however, we shall, under influential auspices, arrive at better things, although, in my frank opinion, I rather doubt it. Both feet and hands require to be of the most perfect proportions to be clad in pronounced colours.

Mantles at Shoolbred's

It is always an embarrassment of riches at Tottenham House in the matter of coats and cloaks, serried lines of the rougher day models hanging on stands the whole way down the centre of the big *salon*, while the more *recherché* perishable confections are securely screened from harm in large closed show-cases. It is one of the latter, albeit merely a smart dust cloak, that Mrs. Dorothy Millar has faithfully portrayed here. This exceedingly charming wrap is arranged in heavy-weight Shantung, in a natural tint, the fronts faced back with long lapels of a printed Oriental material flanked either side at the top by four straps and buttons placed at an angle. Over the shoulders a flat-shaped epaulette piece of the Oriental material is adjusted, and it occurs once again in the turn-back cuffs to the sleeves that would be wing-shape save for the catching in of the base into a large single box-pleat.

The cut at the back is exceptionally full, and the whole affair is a thing of extreme elegance. Copied

A Smart Dust Cloak

In heavy-weight Shantung, the fronts faced back with long lapels of a printed Oriental material, which is flanked at the top by four straps and buttons placed at an angle

(SKETCHED AT SHOOLBRED'S BY DOROTHY MILLAR)

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Another noticeable feature here is the *chic* little hip coat, fashioned of cloth and neatly braided. As an accompaniment to the popular striped or checked skirt, it would be impossible to find anything more distinctly of the moment. To the busy woman, who has perforce to arrange her wardrobe at racing speed, these coats are a veritable godsend, for they are procurable in all the prevailing colours as well as black, while the matching of the fancy skirt is merely a question of a few minutes. The handy robe skirt, enlarged upon at some length last week, comes in here with full *empressement*, and doubtless there are many who will be glad to learn quickly that Messrs. Shoolbred are able to offer these hip coats, which it is superfluous to say are turned out to perfection, at £2 10*s.*

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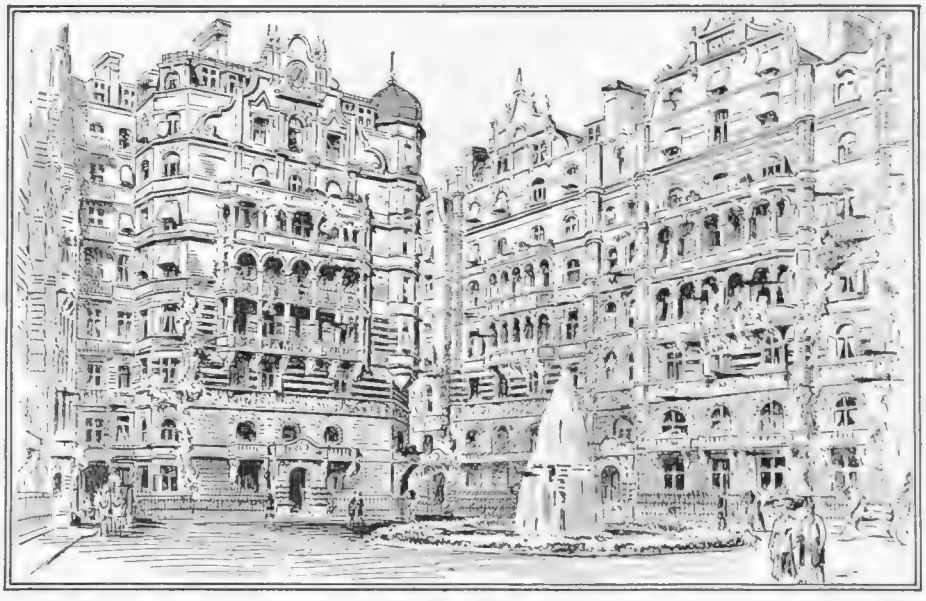

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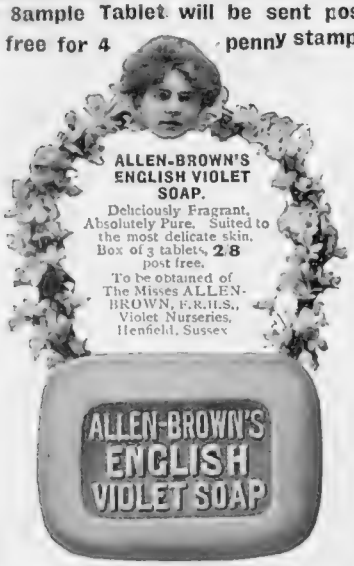

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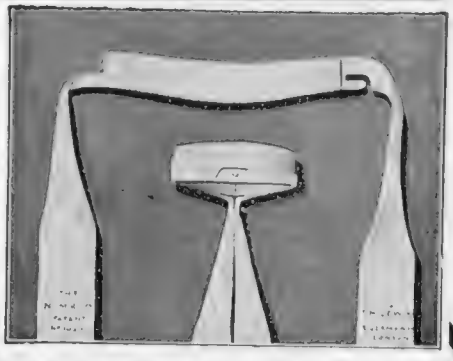

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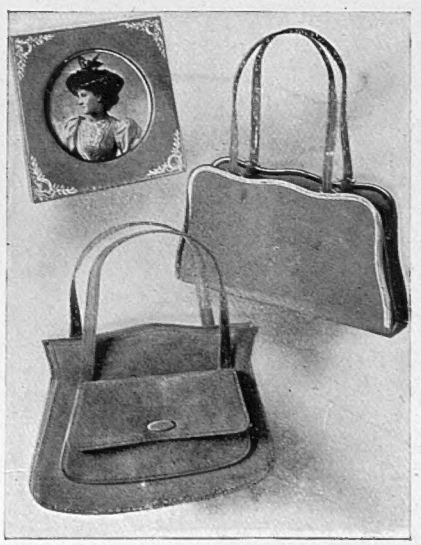

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A Luncheon Menu

Plovers' Eggs
Sole à la Tour d'Argent
Roast Fillet of Beef. New Potatoes à la Hollandaise
Asparagus
French Pancakes
Macaroni Cheese

Plovers' Eggs

These should be placed on a mould of salt, and dry toast handed with them.

Sole à la Tour d'Argent

Fillet a fair-sized sole and divide the fillets into eight pieces. Put them in a stewpan with half a pint of white stock and one and a half dozen button mushrooms, season with salt and a very little cayenne pepper. Place over the fire from ten to fifteen minutes, and when the fish is cooked, drain the fillets and place them on a hot dish, arranging the mushrooms on the top of them. Now melt 1oz. of butter in a pan, stir gradually into it 1oz. of flour; when quite smooth, stir in one gill of cream and the same amount of the stock in which the fish was cooked. Stir until the sauce thickens but do not let it boil. Pour over the fish and serve.

Roast Fillet of Beef

Have a well-hung fillet of beef, lard it and place it on a dish; pour olive oil over, season with two or three slices of raw onion, a bay-leaf, pepper and salt, and soak for twelve hours. Roast the fillet, place on a hot dish, and garnish with some turnips and carrots cut into small cone-shaped pieces which have been previously boiled; pour gravy round and serve.

Potatoes à la Hollandaise

Scrape 1½lb. of new potatoes of even size and put them in salted water containing the juice of half a lemon. Cook them carefully in fast-boiling water till nearly tender, then drain them in a sieve or cloth. Melt 1oz. of butter, put in the cooked potatoes, and shake them over the fire for a few minutes, then add half a gill of bechamel (or white) sauce, and boil up. Cook for ten minutes longer, stirring gently so as not to break the potatoes. Mix the yolks of two eggs with a little milk or cream, stir, and pour over the potatoes, add a little lemon-juice, and serve.

French Pancakes

Put one tablespoonful of self-raising flour into a basin, add one tablespoonful of castor sugar, and mix well. Make a hole in the flour, add two well-beaten eggs and two tablespoonfuls of milk, and beat all together. Have ready two buttered saucers, put half the mixture in each. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes till a light golden brown and then spread with strawberry or apricot jam; turn each over like a half-moon, and serve very hot.

Macaroni Cheese

Butter a fireproof dish, and in it place 3oz. of macaroni, previously boiled, dust it with pepper and salt. Make a good white sauce, and add to it 2oz. of grated cheese. Pour this all over the macaroni, and sprinkle the top with grated cheese and some white breadcrumbs. Place in the oven and cook until a golden brown, and serve in the dish in which it is cooked.

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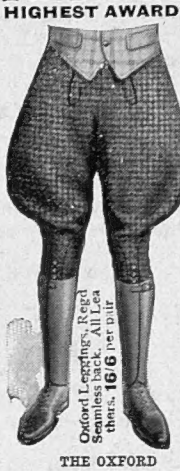

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Three Generations

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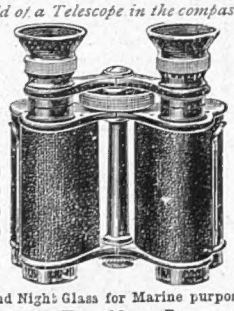

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